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# Duty Clear::: To Wage War In All Fields FRANCE AND NAZI BALKANS THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

## FINNISH CABINET RESHUFFLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.  
A Cabinet reshuffle is expected this afternoon following the resignation of the Minister for National Defence.

M. Hjalmar Procope, Finnish Minister in Washington, is mentioned as a possible future Foreign Minister.—Havas.

## R.A.F. READY TO HIT HARD AND OFTEN

London, To-day.

"We have every reason to be confident of the future," Sir Kingsley Wood stated yesterday in a press interview.

Britain's efforts and equipment will be continued and extended until she has established mastery in the air.

"Plans are based on expectations of a long war.

"Whatever the future may hold, Britain's bombers, you may be certain, are ready, if Germany compels reprisals, to hit hard, hit often and keep on hitting."

Sir Kingsley repeated, in conclusion, that he would rather have a hundred Wellingtons, Spitfires and Hurricanes than a much larger number of their German counterparts.

Germany, he admitted, was still expanding her air force, but she had been meeting with difficulties because several of her much-boosted types were proving a disappointment. —Reuter.

## ANOTHER NAZI SHIP TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

Although no details have been received, it is reported that another German ore-carrying steamer has been sunk by a British submarine off the Danish coast. —Reuter.

## ADMIRALTY SILENT

London, To-day.

The Admiralty declines to comment on Scandinavian reports that "several flotillas of British destroyers and many submarines" are concentrated off Norway. —Reuter.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

**THE ALLIES' INTENTION TO FOLLOW A STRONGER POLICY IN THE BALKANS IS SEEN IN AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS WHO STATE THE BALKAN PROBLEM WILL BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN LONDON AND PARIS SOON.**

The same circles point out that the Allies can fully rely upon Turkey, whose loyalty towards Britain and France could not be doubted for a moment should they be compelled to protect the Balkans.

It is understood that the Allied blockade against Germany will be intensified everywhere whatever might be the consequences as regards Russia. —Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"We have forged the weapon; now we are going to use it," declared the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, broadcasting to the nation last night.

M. Reynaud added: "Our decisions will be carefully studied, our actions will be swift."

### DECISIVE MOMENT

Recalling that he had offered all parties a chance to co-operate, M. Reynaud expressed confidence that the union of all French parties will be automatically achieved later as result of the Government's action.

After stating that France's war objective would be to vanquish the enemy, M. Reynaud exclaimed: "The moment we are living in is decisive. There are few such in history.

"At the moment I am speaking, Hitler is preparing to attack the economic independence of the Balkans and under our very eyes he is extending the Reich's hegemony throughout that part of Europe.

"If we permit the enemy to organise such a bloc under the guidance of such a regime, it would mean the end of liberty and the end of France.

"In fact we only have to listen to our ancestral instinct and the Government's duty is clear: to wage war in all fields."

### PECULIAR CHARACTER

Referring to the peculiar character of the war, M. Reynaud said: "For the first time the enemy has not tried to crush us at the very outset, but this situation may change at any time.

"Fortunately our strong defences permit the Army to protect the country with minimum risk to our soldiers."

M. Reynaud concluded: "This will be one of the most difficult wars in history but we will win it. The joint resources of the two greatest Empires in the world are a token of our victory provided we are willing and know how to use them." —Havas.

**WEATHER FORECAST:** North-east winds, moderate; fair.

## MILITARY PLOT IN BOLIVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

La Paz, To-day.

The Bolivian Government yesterday proclaimed a state of emergency as a sequel to a military plot staged by young officers and a regiment of carabinieri.

The authorities retain full control of the situation while a popular demonstration of loyalty to the Government was organised in front of the Government's Palace. —Havas.

## JAPAN IN MARKET FOR SIBERIA?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese proposal that Japan purchase the Soviet Maritime Provinces (her Far Eastern territory) is an interesting one, says the "Shanghai Times" in an editorial.

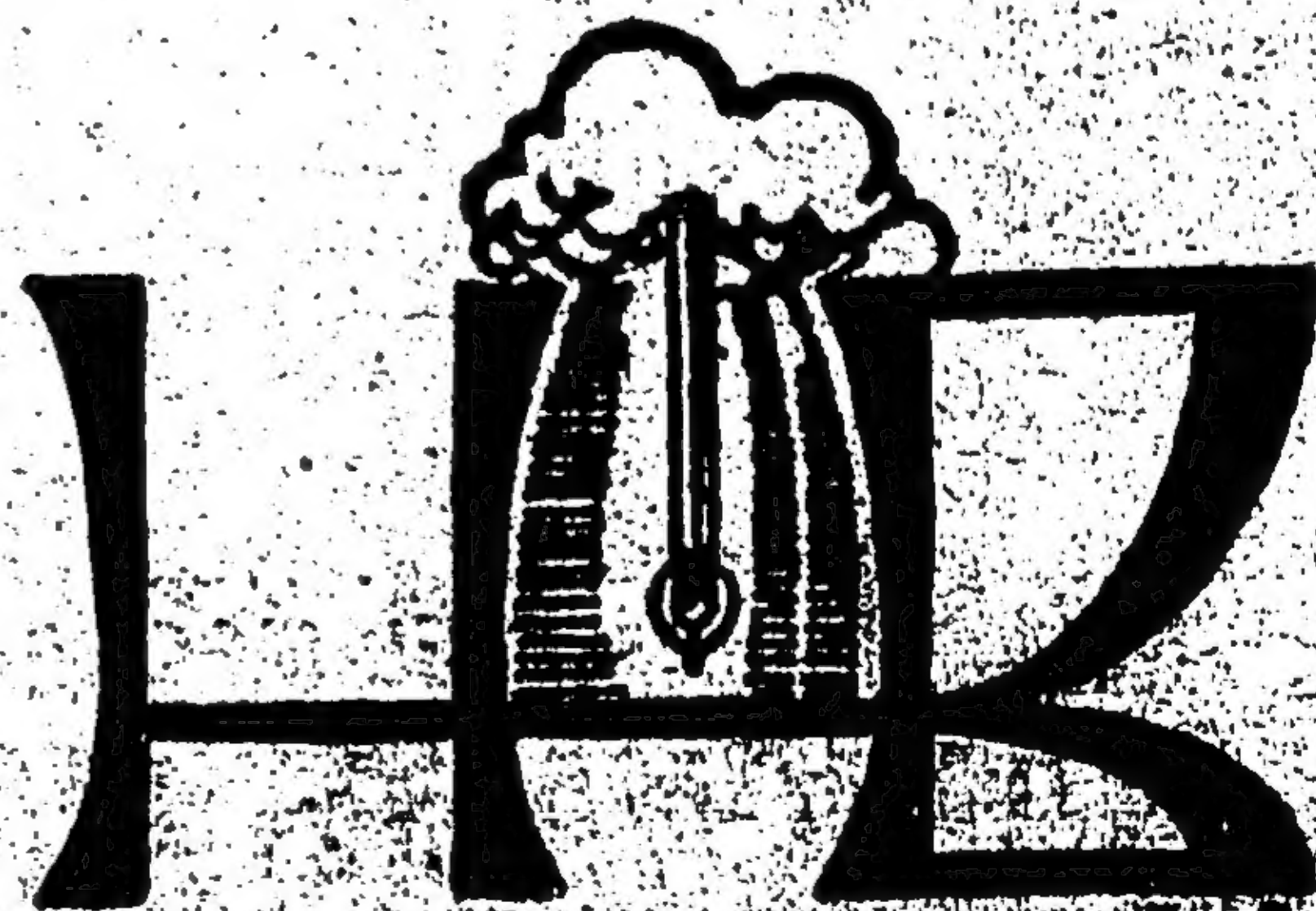
"Russia's true interests lie rather in Central Asia than in the extreme Far East."

"The Tzar undoubtedly founded Vladivostok to foster his ambitious plans in Manchuria, Korea and even China."

"But the Russo-Japanese War, if nothing else, called a halt to this programme and it is questionable whether it would be in the Soviet interest to hang on to this barren and unproductive territory."

"However, questions of policy and prestige will be at stake if any serious offer is made to Moscow." —Havas.

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# SCAPA FLOW RAID WELL-TIMED: OFFICIAL COMMENT

London, To-day.

**AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS** describe the German Scapa Flow raid as a "well-timed operation favoured by some good luck."

Arriving as the daylight was fading the raiders were able to make use of such light as remained to carry out the raid and to rely on the gathering darkness to conceal their flight home.

The technique adopted was that of successive waves, making sudden dives from about 8,000 feet. Such small damage as was done, it is thought was caused by the first flight as the remaining waves met a reception from the A.A. defences which clearly put them off their aim. The difficulty of fighters making contact with bombers in darkness is pointed out.

Unless searchlights pick out a raider, a mere knife-edge view is presented which it is extremely difficult for a fighter pilot to see.

## EXPLAINS WHY

It is thought that this explains why the R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft have flown a great many times over Germany without being found by defending aeroplanes, while in the case of the Sylt raid, the Nazis relied almost entirely on the ground defences, making little or no attempt to fight the bombers in the air. The only British aircraft brought down on this occasion fell a victim of the low-firing A.A. guns.

Informed aviation quarters take the opportunity of warning the British public that if large-scale air attacks are made over England, many enemy aircraft must be expected to get through and there is no inclination on the part of the authorities here, as there is in Germany, to persuade the public that air defences are invulnerable.

## BRITISH CONFIDENCE

There is a confident belief that the free British public will preserve morale should civilian bombing occur much better than a population long subjected to an authoritarian regime. The R.A.F. may be expected to deal faithfully with a high percentage of raiding aircraft and it is not doubted that the British people will steel themselves to endure any frightfulness the Nazis deem it expedient to perpetrate in the certain knowledge that retaliation will be swift and sure. — British Wireless.

# ROOSEVELT AND WELLES REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

According to well-informed circles President Roosevelt will make a statement on the trip of Mr. Sumner Welles as soon as the latter returns to Washington on March 28.

Mr. Roosevelt is believed to be in possession of most of the information gathered by Mr. Welles in the course of his visits to the various European capitals and it is expected that Mr. Roosevelt will deny the rumours of American participation in any peace offensive. — Havas.

## STATEMENT BY SECRETARY

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, yesterday denied a report that the President is preparing a formal statement covering Mr. Sumner Welles' European tour. — Reuter.

# JAPANESE THREAT TO PAKHOI

Kwang Chow Wan, To-day.

A large force of Japanese troops are converging on Hoppo, north of Pakhoi, according to reliable Chinese reports received here last night.

The Chinese authorities are advising the civilian population to evacuate. The situation in Pakhoi is uneasy. — Our Own Correspondent.

# ELECTRIC MOTORS STOLEN

Mr. J. P. Inglis, representative of the Hume Pipe (Far East) Limited, has reported the theft of two electric motors, valued at \$260, from factory between 5 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

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# DAIRY FARM'S NEW "DOWN-TOWN" SCHEME

PLANS FOR A MODERN food emporium in the centre of the city, on the site of the White House, to be linked with a scheme for a soda fountain and snacketeria and new offices, were announced at the annual meeting held at noon of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company.

THE HON. MR. S. H. DODWELL WHO WAS IN THE CHAIR, ANNOUNCED A DIVIDEND OF \$1 AND A BONUS OF 50 CENTS, ON THE OLD SHARES AND A DIVIDEND OF 50 CENTS AND BONUS OF 25 CENTS ON THE NEW.

The Chairman said:—The accounts before you to-day show a record profit in working account, the figure of \$906,074.40 being some \$88,000 more than last year. This result, I am sure, you will consider all the more satisfactory in that it has been accomplished without increasing the prices of the commodities produced or manufactured by the company, the chief of which are milk, ice, and ice-cream.

The advancing costs of cattle fodder, due to the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, followed by further increases in most things caused by the European War, would have fully justified an increase in the price of our products, but it has always been the policy of your board and always will be, that the prices of such vital commodities as milk and ice should be kept down to the lowest possible level, since they are necessities with all classes of the community.

Unless, however, there is a halt to the rising cost of fodder, bottles, cans and other necessities required for the production of our milk, it may prove impossible to avoid an upward revision of our price during the present year.

When addressing you from the chair last year my predecessor mentioned that in order to cater for the anticipated larger demand for milk, orders had been placed for additional cattle. Importations throughout the year numbered 79 animals but I regret to state that owing to the unprecedented demand, we could not entirely meet it during the greater part of the summer. Sales of milk during the year constituted a record in the history of the company and continue at an exceptionally high level for this time of the year, so much so that supplies of cream have had to be restricted.

## RECORD HERD

Having regard to this, your directors considered it advisable to further increase the herd, and of the animals ordered some 90 have arrived. With these further importations the herd will number some 1,800 animals one of the largest herds in the world and roughly 100 per cent more than the number we had nine years ago. During the year the herd enjoyed good health, a fact which is reflected in the favourable balance at credit of cattle wastage account in the balance sheet before you. You will observe with this balance amounting as it does to \$87,531.98 and that standing at credit of cattle reserve we are only some \$90,000 short of the book value of the herd; nevertheless, in order to safeguard the position, having regard to the further purchases of cattle this year, your directors have deemed it advisable to place a further \$50,000 to credit of cattle reserve.

During the year we were honoured when His Excellency The Governor, Lady North and party visited the dairy and ice making plants.

The results in the imported dairy and frozen foods department continue to be satisfactory although returns from the shipping side of these departments have been affected to a considerable degree by the disorganization caused to certain shipping companies as a result of the War.

During the year we put on the market two frozen confections under the trade names of "Popsicle" and "Fudgicle." These products are of our usual high standard and enjoyed an immediate success, though they in no way affected the sales of our ice cream, the return from which department showed an increase over the previous year's figures. A record sale of that popular drink—Green Spot—which we manufacture, was made during the year. This business has reached such proportions that your directors sanctioned the purchase of an up-to-date syrup making and filtering plant which was installed in the main depot in the latter part of the year.

Ice sales have been well maintained while our cold stores at East Point, Connaught Road Central and Canton Road have been well patronized. I regret to say that owing to the scarcity of fish, the fast-freezing plant to which my predecessor referred from the chair last year has not yet been put into use.

At our East Point factory we are now able to offer storage where the temperature and humidity in the store is controlled. This type of storage is highly successful for the keeping of such commodities as flour, chocolates, etc. The demand for this class of accommodation is so gratifying that further dehumidifying equipment has been ordered.

In order to improve service at Kowloon, the branch premises on Nathan Road are being improved and reconstructed. During the alterations, the dairy and provisions departments will be transferred to 24 Nathan Road.

## NEW DEVELOPMENT

As you are probably aware, the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., who own our present down-town premises in Queen's Road, have embarked on a reconstruction scheme embracing these pre-

misses and also the original Powell's Building—lately White House—fronting Des Voeux Road. It has been necessary therefore to look for other premises and I am pleased to say that we have been fortunate enough to secure a lease of that section fronting Des Voeux Road. In the ground floor it is intended to instal a modern and complete food emporium and also in a half-mezzanine section in the same floor to equip a Soda Fountain and "Snacketeria." Your directors are confident that this will prove a popular and profitable venture and fill a long felt want.

The mezzanine floor proper has been taken for administrative offices. It is most desirable from the points of view of supervision and control that our executive should be accommodated in our new premises, and, as our present offices are now quite inadequate for our requirements, I am sure that shareholders will agree that this is a wise step.

The entire part of the building which we have agreed to lease will be air-conditioned and I believe this will be greatly appreciated by our patrons who will be able to shop in comfort during the humid summer days and if desired may have their morning coffee or a cooling drink in a pleasant atmosphere in the one building.

The issued Capital now amounts to \$2,200,012.50 leaving only \$49,987.50 unissued. Also on the Liabilities side it will be noted that a sum of \$104,762.50 representing the bonus of \$2.50 per share paid to Shareholders in respect to the 41,905 New Shares issued has been deducted from General Reserve.

Before closing my remarks I should like to pay a tribute to the Staff whose task during the year under review has been no easy one. They have been voted a bonus of 7½% on salaries, which they thoroughly deserve and which I am sure you will cordially support.

There are no other items in the Balance Sheet calling for comment from me and I therefore have pleasure in proposing that the Accounts as presented be adopted and that the sum of \$490,845.65 for appropriation be dealt with as follows—

To pay a final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 251,430 shares	\$251,430.00
To pay a final Dividend of 50 cents per share on 41,905 shares	20,952.50
To pay a bonus of 25 cents per share on 251,430 shares	62,857.50
To pay a bonus of 12½ cents per share on 41,905 shares	5,238.13
Add to General Reserve	15,000.00
Add to Cattle Reserve	50,000.00
To Carry Forward	85,387.52
	\$490,845.65

## SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, seconding, said:—I have no doubt that housewives who do their own shopping will be delighted to hear about the new premises to which the Chairman has referred. Shopping in an air-conditioned atmosphere with a Soda Fountain and Snacketeria adjacent will make a pleasure of which is at present rather a stern duty. In any case there is plenty of room for additional refreshment facilities in the centre of the town and I share the Directors' confidence that the venture will prove popular. I quite agree that the present offices are totally inadequate and I am glad that there will be ample accommodation for the executive in the new building.

I should like to testify to the close co-operation which exists between the Directors and the Management. To my mind as long as this factor can be counted upon we need have no fears about the future of the Company. On your behalf I offer our congratulations to the Board, the Management and the Staff for such a handsome result of the past year's working and for the efforts being made to keep pace with the ever-growing demand of the public.

Messrs. S. H. Dodwell and H. V. Wilkinson were re-elected directors, while Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a fee for the year of \$2,000.

Supporting Mr. Dodwell were Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. V. Wilkinson, A. D. Shields and D. L. Newbigging, directors, and Mr. G. Milne, secretary.

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# "GRAF SPEE" EXPOSURE

*Scuttling Due To Virtual Mutiny By Crew*

## Refused To Go Out And Fight Again

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN AUTHORITATIVE REPORT NOW RECEIVED BY THE ADMIRALTY ON THE EVENTS PRECEDING THE SCUTTLING OF THE GRAF SPEE, EXTRACTS FROM WHICH WERE ISSUED LAST NIGHT, INDICATES IT WAS THE REFUSAL OF THE GRAF SPEE'S CREW TO TAKE THE SHIP TO SEA TO MEET THE WAITING BRITISH WARSHIPS WHICH LED TO THE DECISION TO SCUTTLE HER.

Eight times, according to the statement, the officers, including finally Captain Langsdorf himself, appealed to them in vain to fight, and when in protest against the decision to scuttle, the officers asked for volunteers to fight, only 60 stepped forward.

The remainder stood sullen and silent and refused to volunteer.

The report says the Uruguayan authorities were so confident the Graf Spee would make a breakaway during the night of December 16 that they prohibited all Allied ships leaving port.

During the afternoon of December 16, however, a factor arose which the German High Command had not taken into account—the crew of the Graf Spee refused to take the ship to sea.

Between 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. the crew were mustered on deck at least eight times and harangued by one officer after another. The final appeal was made by Capt. Langsdorf himself.

During these musters the crew broke ranks, shouted and behaved in a disorderly manner verging on the mutinous.

Capt. Langsdorf dismissed the men and came ashore at 8 p.m. to consult the German Minister.

### SCUTTLING ORDERED

An advice must have been cabled to Hitler about that hour and a reply, ordering the scuttling, was received about midnight.

Shortly afterwards Capt. Langsdorf returned on board and all repair work was suspended.

Arrangements were made for a barge to receive the crew after the ship was scuttled. Provisions and other gear which had been embarked were transferred to the Tacoma.

The Germans kept the crew's refusal to fight quiet until the Graf Spee was almost ready to go out.

The German colony, who had made much of the crew for the first two days, boycotted them when news of their refusal to fight got around.

### INSUBORDINATION OBSERVED

The statement concludes that the reports of the crew's refusal to obey orders and their insubordination are confirmed by observers on board the merchantships Lynon Grange and Trekieve, as well as other vessels, both naval and mercantile, moored close to the Graf Spee, including a tug lying alongside her.

These observers were witnesses of the occurrences on board the Graf Spee.—Reuter.

### DOMINIONS AIRMEN IN SYLT RAID

London, To-day.

Among those taking part in the raid on Sylt, the Air Ministry announced yesterday, were 14 Canadians, 7 Australians, 7 New Zealanders and one South African.—Reuter.

## DUTCH TRAWLER CREW ADRIFT

Amsterdam, To-day.  
A British warship found eight members of the crew of a Dutch trawler on a raft and took them to an English East Coast port.  
Three members of the crew are missing. Cause of the trawler's loss is at present unknown.—Reuter.

## FIGHTER ACTIVITY IN BATTLE ZONE

Paris, To-day.

Air activity by fighting patrols on the Western Front has been intensified during the past few days on the whole front, especially in the Saar, Vosges and Lower Vosges areas.

Yesterday's French communique reported that this activity continued during the night. There is no indication there were any clashes.

A German communique admits that French planes reconnoitred far into Germany during Sunday/Monday night, and since then the French have carried out a number of photographic and scouting flights designed mainly to direct artillery fire.

German planes flew over France and the North Sea.

A German attack on a French outpost south of the Varndt Forest was easily repulsed.—Reuter.

## CATHOLIC CONVENTS SEIZED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.  
EXPROPRIATION OF CATHOLIC CONVENTS IS STILL CONTINUING IN GERMANY, ACCORDING TO THE DEUTSCHE WEG, A CATHOLIC ORGAN PUBLISHED IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.

Nazi circles here believe that the entire property of the Catholic Church in the Reich will be taken over after the war.

It is estimated that several million marks worth of Church property were seized by the State when the Heilandsfhielen Convent, Westphalia, was expropriated by the Gestapo who arrested the Friar and sent him to Oranienburg concentration camp.—Havas.

## NOT EXACTLY ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

New York, To-day.

The "Springfield Republican" says: "The two-way fortification of the Brenner Pass, now going on, shows that these totalitarians are not just one big family."

The newspaper further enquires: "What are young Germans and Italians, already indoctrinated in the sacredness of the anti-Comintern alliance, to be taught about Communism?" — Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S LATEST CRACK FIGHTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Details of Britain's latest plane, a 4-seater pursuit plane, are revealed.

It travels at speeds from 345 to 435 miles an hour, and has all the latest equipment, including retractable under-carriage, pusher screw, two rudders and slotted wings. It is powered with one air-cooled engine.—Havas.

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During that time it is estimated Ark Royal, with her aircraft, reconnoitred five million square miles of ocean. She has played a part in the interception of three valuable German merchant ships. Her aircraft have attacked several U-boats while others have been frightened into crash dives with unknown results.

On the other hand, Ark Royal has been missed by two torpedoes fired by a U-boat which was quickly sunk by her destroyer escort, while a 1,000-lb. bomb dropped from an attacking Heinkel crashed harmlessly into the sea fifteen feet away from her bows.

Only damage sustained by the ship was a few pieces of broken crockery. Ark Royal has returned home to replenish her stores and give the crew of sailors and airmen a well deserved leave, while she is prepared for her next task.

MISSED BY 200 YARDS

Capt. A. J. Power, who has been in command of Ark Royal since she was first commissioned nearly two years ago, told Reuter the torpedo attack was made last October at about the same time as Courageous was lost.

The torpedoes passed astern of the ship, missing it by between 200 and 300 yards. After the U-boat had been attacked by the escorting destroyers, some of her crew were saved.

Describing the air attack on Ark Royal, Capt. Power said one German plane, more daring than the others, made a power dive on them.

"He started from about 4,000 feet and pulled out at perhaps 1,000 feet. I saw the bomb leave him; it was the biggest one I have seen."

SAW IT FALLING

"I saw it falling and from the bridge my impression was that it wasn't going to hit us. It landed in the sea about 15 feet from the ship's side but if it had hit us it wouldn't have sunk us."

Capt. Power denied the report that Ark Royal heeled over. Her helm, he said, was turned and her

bows lifted slightly, but there was no damage apart from some of his crockery which was smashed.

STIRRING EPISODES

Since these stirring episodes Ark Royal had been across the Atlantic to Rio de Janeiro and also to Capetown.

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## DESTROY NAZI HARBOURS, SAYS A.P.H.

Mr. A. P. Herbert, M.P., declared that he could not agree we did not wish to destroy Germany. We did not wish to destroy Germany in the British sense in which they were trying to destroy the Polish people. But we did wish to destroy every chance of their repeating that deed again. When our gallant airmen found themselves over enemy harbours, he could not agree that they should refrain from dropping bombs for fear that they would injure a char-woman.

## B.E.F. TAKES OVER BIGGER SECTOR

London, To-day.  
Reuter's special correspondent somewhere in France cables that a further section of the Allied front has been taken over by the British Expeditionary Force.—Reuter.

## GOEBBELS GIVES GAME AWAY

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

"LE PEUPLE," COMMENTING ON THE LATEST SINKING OF GERMAN SHIPS BY BRITISH SUBMARINES, WRITES: "GOEBBELS' SERVICE HAS NOT JUDGED IT OPPORTUNE TO COMMUNICATE THESE EVENTS TO THE GERMAN PUBLIC."

"This discretion confirms two things. One, that an abyss separates the German people from its Nazi governors whose relations resemble those of jailer and prisoner."

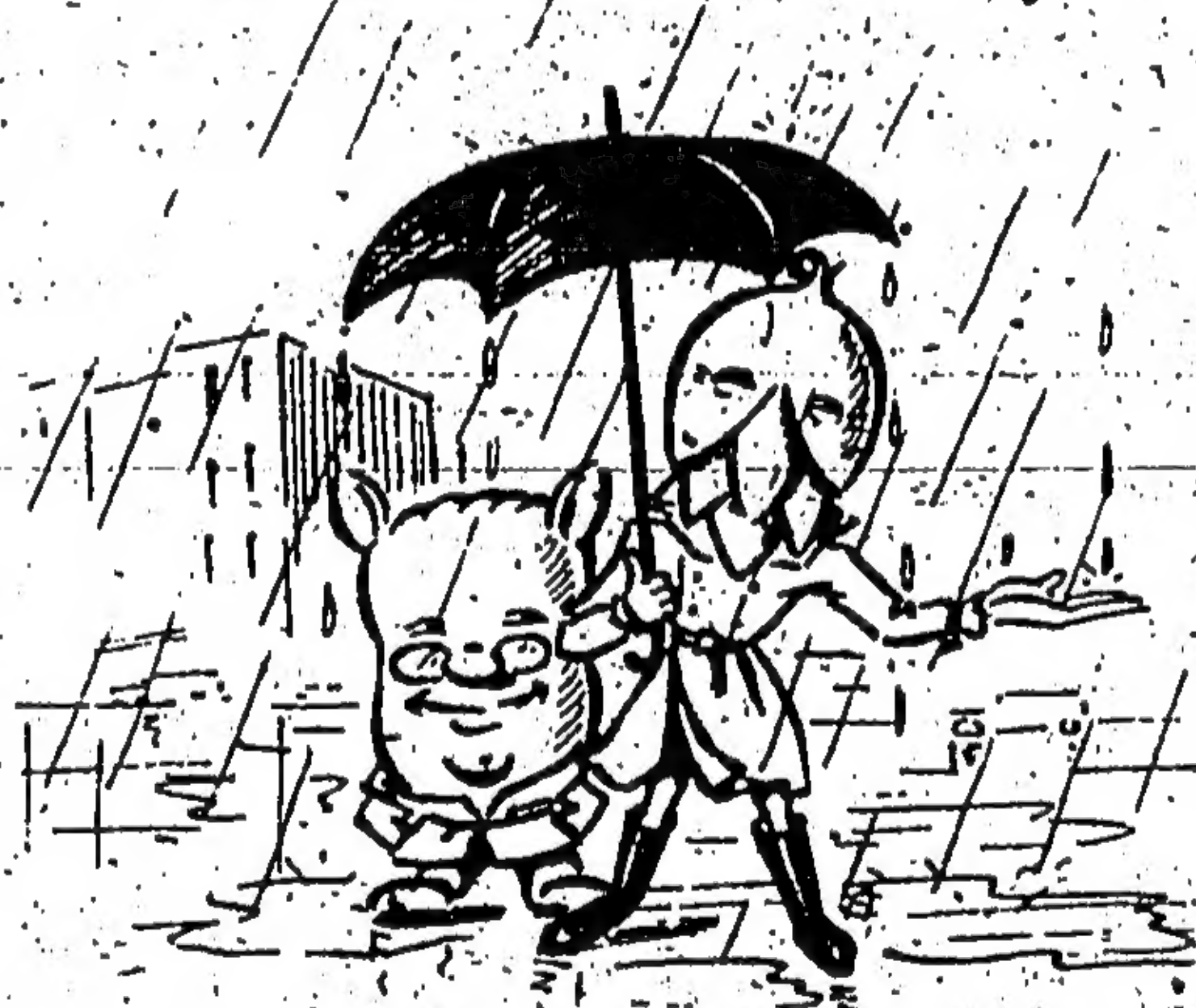
"Two, the Reich does not dare to inform the public of reverses and consequently has only a limited confidence in the solidity of the people's morale."—Reuter.

## GOING TO THAILAND

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Gladney Grant, previously U.S. Minister to Albania, has been appointed Minister to Thailand.—Reuter.

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## TREASURY RECORD

London, To-day.

With a week still to go before the end of the financial year Exchequer returns shows that total ordinary revenue at £1,025,427,334 already exceeds the Budget estimate by over £35,000,000.

Inland revenue as a whole is only £10,000,000 short of the estimate while the yield from customs and excise already exceeds the estimate by nearly £24,000,000.

Income tax has yielded £383,689,000 compared with £327,783,000 a year ago and against an estimate of £390,000,000.—British Wireless.



# M. Reynaud's Broadcast To The French Nation

## PROMISES MATURE DECISIONS AND PROMPT ACTIONS

### CIVILIANS TO MOBILISE IN WARTIME

Bofia, To-day.

A new bill for civil mobilisation, including measures to organise the national economy in time of war, was introduced in the Bulgarian National Assembly yesterday by the Minister of War.

The bill provides for compulsory loans, severe measures against espionage and foreign propaganda and the death penalty for speculators in foodstuffs and other products.—Reuter.

### NO RADIO LICENCE

Pleading guilty to possession of a radio-set without a licence, Mr. A. F. da Luz, of Granville Road, was fined \$30 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

### SYLT HERO

London, To-day.

Squadron-Leader Turner, one of two officers awarded the D.F.C. for gallantry during the Sylt operations, was born at Roseau, Dominica.

A "Gazette" notice states Turner displayed great determination and ability in attacking enemy hangars in spite of heavy small arm and heavy artillery fire which surrounded his aircraft and he calmly and accurately completed the task.—British Wireless.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

FRANCE'S WAR AIMS REMAINED UNCHANGED — DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY, DECLARED THE PREMIER, M. PAUL REYNAUD, IN A BROADCAST TO THE NATION LAST NIGHT.

M. Reynaud promised that the decisions of the new Government would be mature and their actions prompt.

Regarding the Inner Cabinet of nine, M. Reynaud said it was "enough for deliberation and not too many for action."

Referring to the formation of the new Government, M. Reynaud said he was actuated by one idea—what Ministerial formation would give to the Government the most strength for action.

"If, in the midst of war, France offered the spectacle of a cascade of governments, then enemy propaganda would pounce on the failure of our Democracy and the impotence of our régime, but the real risk is of favouring execution of the enemy's plans.

"He gambles on our internal break-up which would enable him to undertake military action at minimum cost."

### HITLER'S LATEST GAME

M. Reynaud continued: "At the moment I am speaking, everything has been set at work by Hitler to attack the economic independence of the Balkan States.

"By every means the Reich is straining to establish its hegemony over a great part of Europe.

"The Government's duty is, clear—to make war in all fields. Everywhere men are needed—to fight, work in the factories and work in the fields.

"Whoever keeps to the peacetime rhythm of work is committing an offence against the country. The normal is not enough.

"Those who might attempt to thwart this great national effort will be crushed. This war will be hard; we will have to fight hard, work hard and suffer hard. We shall win this hard war."—Reuter.

## SUNSPOT'S TRICKS WITH THE THAMES

London, To-day.

The sun-spots and electrical disturbances, which created temporary havoc among radio waves, have resulted in the Aurora Borealis and the Aurora Australis being seen in regions which seldom, if ever, see them.

Italy and Bulgaria can both see the Northern Lights, while the Orange Free State can see the red glow of the Southern Lights; this is very rare, says Dr. Wood, the Union astronomer.

In England, the main effect has been very high spring tides. Many walkers on the Thames tow-path near Kew were out off by the tide and had to wade to safety.

A cripple in a bath-chair was marooned and had to be rescued by boatmen.—Reuter.

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# SHADOWS BEFORE?

## Activity On Western Front: Nazi Warnings

### Up To The Old Tricks Again?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

**THE WESTERN FRONT** is now more active than it has been for some time. There have been increases in patrols, artillery fire — and entertainment in the shape of enemy propaganda, which has drawn its usual swift reaction.

Loud speakers have blared out and tracts and leaflets have been dropped. Three German soldiers lost their lives in one propaganda attempt.

They launched a small boat, whose masts and sides were plastered with anti-British slogans and sailed out into the river.

French soldiers kept watch, and as soon as it came within comfortable range, riddled the boat with bullets; it sank.

The three Germans were brought down, one after the other, with rifle fire.

Renewed activity by German troops along the Belgian and Dutch frontiers is reported. The troops themselves have been gradually strengthened, materials have piled up and mechanised columns are growing.

"Something is going on in Nazi-land," comment observers in Paris, who are now waiting for the next move in the campaign of intimidation.

On the last occasion, in January, the Germans alleged that Dutch territory had been violated by British planes. And they are doing the same thing to-day.

Another possible straw in the wind is a Nazi communique issued to the American press. No one could doubt (says the communique) that Britain and France would not hesitate to bomb civilian populations; Germany will return blow for blow.

#### "RECTIFY IN ADVANCE"

It is possible that this means that Germany wants to "rectify in advance" whatever large-scale air offensive plans she may be hatching. The next logical step (from the Nazi point of view) would be to describe an "Allied raid" on a defenceless city, bolstered up with the name of the city, the list of the victims and even, as a final touch, a detail or two about military objectives that were hit.

A German attack would follow — purely as "a reprisal," of course!

Paris observers point out that at the beginning of the war Hitler promised not to bomb civilian populations but only military objectives — but few of his promises are allowed to grow cold before an excuse is found to go back on them.

So far, the Allies have only dropped leaflets and flares and they see no reason to relinquish this practice. Military objectives are bombed as reprisals. — Havas.

#### Washington Warning

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.** A WARNING THAT THE ALLIES ARE "PREPARING TO BOMBARD CIVILIAN POPULATIONS" AND THAT GERMANY WILL THEN CLAIM A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH AND AN EYE FOR AN EYE, WAS ISSUED IN A COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY MORNING FROM THE GERMANY EMBASSY.

The communique accused the Allies of contemplating to "exert more and more pressure on neutrals and force them to participate in the war."

The first impression created in the American press is that Germany is "up to her old tricks again" accusing her adversary of something which she intends to do herself in the near future. — Havas.

### FIVE DANES GAOLED FOR ESPIONAGE

Copenhagen, To-day.  
Five Danish citizens were sentenced yesterday to varying terms of imprisonment for espionage and attempted espionage. — Reuter.

### NEW ZEALAND LABOUR ENDORSES POLICY

Wellington, To-day.  
By 821 votes to 104, the New Zealand Labour Party yesterday endorsed the statement on policy outlined by the Party on February 21. — Reuter.

### PEIPING PUPPET PUZZLE

Peiping, To-day.

Wang Kèh-min, head of the defunct Peiping provisional government, gave an interview to foreign correspondents on his return from Nanking.

Wang appeared to be in unusually good spirits as if highly satisfied with his trip south, but for a person who had agreed to cancel the former independent status of his Peiping provisional government he had strangely little to say regarding future arrangements.

(\*\*\* Maybe the Japs. had omitted to let him into the secret.)

According to his statement, only the date and place of organisation of the new government was discussed at Nanking.

Replying to questions, Wang said it was unlikely there would be any change in the personnel of the northern administration; that foreign affairs would be handled by the central government, and that nothing had been settled regarding the status of the new Chinese armies in North China. — Reuter.

### JAPANESE PLANE OVER BORDER AREA

A Japanese plane flew over the highway between Namtau and Shum-chun yesterday morning.

The ferry service between Hong Kong and Namtau was resumed yesterday.

Officials of the Chinese Maritime Customs stations at Chekwan and Namtau have resumed their posts.

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### TELEKI-MUSSOLINI MEETING: RIDDLE IN COMMUNIQUE

Rome, To-day.

**COUNT TELEKI, THE Hungarian Premier, had a long interview with Signor Mussolini yesterday.**

In an interview with the newspaper "Tribuna" later, Count Teleki declared all who expected sensational results from the talks are mistaken, adding he had come to Rome for an exchange of views.

A communique issued after the Teleki-Mussolini meeting stated the conversation resulted in a proposal for working out further collaboration between the two countries.

This friendship coincided perfectly with the existing Italo-German, German-Hungarian and Italo-Yugo-Slav relations.

Both Governments are to co-ordinate their actions to preserve peace in the Balkans and Danubian sector. — Reuter.

### GARFIELD HUANG DEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.** THE DEATH OCCURRED HERE YESTERDAY OF GARFIELD HUANG, FOUNDER AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-OPIMUM ASSOCIATION.

Aged 42, Mr. Huang was born in Amoy and was a graduate of Fukien University. At one time he was secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. of China and secretary of the China National Christian Council since 1925.

He devoted his life to the fight against opium and toured China and countries in the South Seas inaugurating everywhere branches of his association. — Havas.

### COPPER MINE STRIKE SETTLED

Ndola, To-day.

The Northern Rhodesia strike of copper workers has been settled following the arrival here of the Governor, Sir John Maybin.

It is learned that all the strikers are likely to resume work to-day. — Reuter.

### TAKING THE BEER OUT OF CHEER

Berlin, To-day.

Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, has put an end to the German custom of singing patriotic songs to the accompaniment of clinking beer mugs.

Under a decree just issued "for the protection of national symbols and songs," it is forbidden to sing or play patriotic and Nazi party songs in restaurants and cafes.

Exception is made "where the singing and playing of these songs is justified by a special motive."

The decree also applies to the "hate" song, "We march against England," which is specifically mentioned. — Reuter.

### PREMIER AND T.U.C.

London, To-day.

In a letter to a correspondent who complained of the nature of the reply given to the Trades Union Congress deputation on the Trades Disputes Act, the Prime Minister disposes of the allegation that he intended to suggest that amendment or repeal of the Act, on which Mr. Chamberlain says he knows the Unions feel most strongly, would depend on how the T.U.C. movement acted during the war.

The Prime Minister says he told the deputation that "everyone recognised the magnitude of the contribution the Trade Union movement is making to the national war effort, and this recognition will undoubtedly lend support to the case which the Trade Unionists may wish to put forward after the war." — British Wire- less.



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## NACET BLADES

## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### THE RIGHT TO LIVE

The rule that has been sloganized as "the right to live" works both ways. Any interference with its application is a betrayal of the underlying principle. Unless we are consistent and unless we maintain that the Finns as individuals and Finland as a nation has as much right to live as do individual Russians and as does the Soviet nation, unless we apply the same rule for the Czechs, the Slovaks and their Czechoslovakia or for the Poles and their Poland as against the right to live as claimed by Germans and the Reich, we are in the position of violating the rule before we get started applying it.

The rights of an individual or a nation are subject to limitation the instant and at the point they intrude on the rights of other individuals or the rights of another nation. Europe is in a state of extreme chaos to-day because this rule has not been applied in all its fairness. If the present extreme chaos is terminated with a patched-up peace agreement which fails to recognize the fundamentals of the rule the new peace will not last much longer than is required for the smoke of battle and the smoke of bombed city ruins to clear away.—"Manila Bulletin."

### PEACE MANOEUVRES

The time has long passed when Herr Hitler could have launched a lightning blow against the Allies, and there is more than a slight suspicion that he would dearly love to secure some sort of peace which might at some future date give him an opportunity of undertaking against the Allies what his preoccupation in Poland prevented him from doing. On the other hand it would be the crowning success of this man's evil career, if he were able to go to his people with any such peace as he apparently proposes, which would justify his boast that he had got what he wanted and yet saved them from the terrors of a big war. That will be denied him, denied him because he and his advisers have utterly failed to understand the spirit animating the Allied peoples, and their determination that the sword shall not be laid aside until the manifest wrongs he has committed are rectified, and Europe enabled to look forward to a period of peace in which to repair all the damage which the satisfaction of a megalomaniac ambition has created. The absence of the jingo spirit which was so marked in Great Britain in the early weeks of the last year has been misinterpreted by the Reich. Its leaders have failed to realize the truth of Kipling's advice regarding the British to beware his country when that country grows polite. There is a cold, bitter, calculating hatred of Herr Hitler, his system and all that they have done, an implacable determination that these things shall be stopped, and a readiness to avoid no sacrifice to see that this shall come about. Until Herr Hitler is prepared to surrender his system and all that they have done, there could be no hope for peace in the future without the destruction of the military machine which he created for the furtherance of his policies, and there can be no hope for a new order in Europe until Herr Hitler has drunk of the bitter cup which the Allies have brewed for him. "North China Daily News," Shanghai.

### BORN TO BE FREE

International peace is an ideal which is, as yet, beyond the understanding and application of too many peoples. Those countries which are prone to rush into combat will have to arrive at the realization that peace is more practical, more lasting than warfare and bloody destruction and human suffering which follow in its wake. Apparently, civilization has not altogether reached that state of mentality. The signs of the times show, however, that slowly, very slowly, mankind is grasping the great truth, that men are born to be free, to grow, to be happy, and to make the world a better place in which to live.—Honolulu Advertiser.

### WHAT'S HITLER UP TO?

They are still speculating about what Hitler and Mussolini talked about at that railroad coach conference at Brenner Pass, on the German-Italian border. Berlin dispatches put the matter as clearly as it is likely to be for some time to come. "Authoritative sources" hint strongly at an extension of the Rome-Berlin axis toward Russia and some kind of Italian rapprochement with the Soviet, via Germany. Maybe that's what the two dictators did talk about, but if so it was Hitler who did the talking. Mussolini knows that would be a hard item to sell back home in Italy. The Italian people have no special love for the Soviets. If an arrangement is reached it will have to be heavily sugar-coated.—"Manila Bulletin."

### THE NEW COLONIAL POLICY

With the Government's White Paper of Tuesday a new period of colonial policy begins. The Government and, particularly, the Colonial Secretary, are to be congratulated on their wisdom in withstanding the temptation to put things aside until the end of the war. It is tempting to urge that money and energy are needed elsewhere and that since the colonies are whole-heartedly with us in the war they can patriotically wait until all of us can breathe freely once again. We shall doubtless hear much of this kind of argument when any sort of social or economic reform is proposed. But it is fatal and the worst kind of defeatism. The resetting, for that is what it amounts to, of our attitude towards the colonies is in itself an affirmation of our war aims. What better evidence can there be of our sincerity and good faith than the while our national existence is threatened

### A CHAOTIC CIRCLE

We have been forced to witness a series of acts irreconcilable both with the practice of international law and with the principles of natural right, based on the elementary feelings of humanity; acts which demonstrate in what chaotic and vicious circles we now are living. We find promoted aggression against a small, work-loving, peaceful people on the pretext of a threat which never existed nor was possible.—The Pope.

we should be more attentive than ever to the well-being and good government of the millions of coloured peoples of whom we are trustees. The new policy has not been dictated by the war. It has been gradually shaping over the last few years, and the appointment of the West India Royal Commission only brought reforms urgently to focus. Now the Government can do, and proposes to do, two things: it can meet the pressing needs of the West Indies and it can apply the same measures of assistance and planning to the rest of the colonies. The essence of the new policy is the end of the old doctrine that a colony is only to have those services that it can afford. Whatever its financial situation it must be provided with the adequate standards of government and public welfare services. "Manchester Guardian."



## DEATH OF PREMIER OF N.Z.

Wellington, To-day.

After a recurrence of an old illness, lasting a week, New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, died in Wellington yesterday.

Made a member of the Privy Council in 1936, the late Michael Joseph Savage had been Prime Minister of New Zealand since 1935. He was also Minister of External Affairs, Native Minister, Minister for Cook Islands, and Minister in Charge of the Native Trust, Legislative, Electoral, Audit and High Commissioner's Departments.

He had been Member of Parliament for Auckland West since 1919.

He was born in Banalla, Victoria, on March 7, 1872, and was the son of the late Mr. Richard Savage.

During 1936 and 1938 he was Minister for Broadcasting and he had been Leader of the Labour Party since 1933. He represented New Zealand at the Coronation and the Imperial Conference in 1937.—Reuter.

### DID NOT SPARE HIMSELF

London, To-day.

The news of Mr. Savage's death has been received in London with the greatest regret.

Mr. Savage, who was 68, had been ill for some time. At the outbreak of war he was recovering from a severe abdominal operation but he did not spare himself in the weeks that followed in order to bring the wholehearted support of New Zealand to the Empire's cause.

The newspapers review his work as head of the Labour Government responsible for a number of important social measures and pay tribute to his high standard of public duty and his personal character.

### WAR BROADCAST

A broadcast which he made to the New Zealand people on the outbreak of war is recalled. In this Mr. Savage declared: "Not a moment too soon have Britain and France taken up arms against so faithless and unscrupulous an adversary. We are fighting a doctrine that springs from contempt for human nature, and in confidence for the future we range ourselves without fear beside Britain. Where she goes we go. Where she stands we stand."—British Wireless.

## 40 PER CENT INCOME TAX INCREASE

Ankara, To-day.

Professional men and bankers will pay 40 per cent. more income tax under a bill submitted to the Turkish National Assembly yesterday.

Wage earners are also liable for more tax but at lower rates.

Owing to the international situation and the demands of national defence, tax payers must provide a further £8,000,000 to balance the £54,000,000 budget.

Under the bill, taxes and duties will be increased on a long list of commodities, including tea, coffee, sugar, spirits, tobacco, petrol and cotton goods.—Reuter.

### ALLEGED PUPPET SHOT

Chungking, To-day.

Lo Chih-hsiung, allegedly an interpreter of the Japanese Army in western Shanghai, is in a critical condition as a result of bullet wounds inflicted by assailants near Lincoln Road on Monday, according to a Shanghai report.—Central News.

## HIGHER TAX ON SPIRITS AND TOBACCO?

London, To-day.

A hint that spirits and tobacco are to be taxed more severely was given yesterday, when a Customs and Excise Order restricted withdrawals of spirits and tobacco from bond to 92½ per cent of the January figures until after Budget Day, April 23.—Reuter.

## ANOTHER DANISH SHIP TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

The latest neutral victim is the Danish ship Britta, which was torpedoed in the Atlantic on Monday. Five survivors have reached Britain.

Their lives were saved by a brilliant rescue by a nearby ship, whose name is not revealed.

A lifeboat was sent out but capsized in the heavy seas. The crew righted the boat and, clambering back, made their way to the sinking Britta.

They took off six men, but one was swept overboard and lost.

The lifeboat made a second trip, but the Britta had gone; nothing was left save two empty rafts.—Reuter.

\*\*\*A steam turbine vessel of 1,146 tons, the Britta was built in 1921; she was owned by J. Lauritzen, of Esbjerg.

## STERLING SLUMPS

New York, To-day.

Sterling tumbled yesterday in an entirely sellers market in which selling orders during the holidays accumulated to a degree far beyond the capacity for New York to absorb at prevailing rates.

Moreover hanging over the market was the specter of the further regulation of Sterling and other currencies which it was felt would curtail the demand for free Sterling.

Meanwhile fresh news of the tightening of the Sterling control came from Sweden yesterday and there were also many rumours of pending measures in other countries.

The franc and other Sterling currencies abruptly declined while Canadians were easy, though it is pointed out that they move more or less independently.—Reuter.

## INCREDIBLE LINE-UP

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

THE NEWSPAPER "DAG" SAYS: "WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF A BERLIN-ROME-MOSCOW FRONT, ALTHOUGH NOWADAYS ALMOST ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE."

"Our reason is that any Dictator has still to reckon with the people's opinion and nobody will make us believe the Italian people are ready for adventures to serve German and Russian interests even if they at first appear to serve Italian interests too."—Reuter.

## FANTASTIC FORECAST OF GERMAN AIR PRODUCTION

Washington, To-day.

ONE REASON FOR THE reported change in the United States plane selling policy is believed to be reports reaching Washington regarding German plane production.

In some official quarters German production is said to be 3,000 a month, with the prediction of an increase to 6,000 a month.

While some experts consider these figures ludicrously high the reports appear to be stimulating the United States to ensure that America shall play a part in building up the Allies' air strength.—Reuter.

### ALLIED ORDERS

New York, To-day.

The Allies have already placed orders in the United States exceeding £150,000,000, according to Sir Louis Beale, member of the Anglo-French purchasing board, speaking at a luncheon given by the Export Managers' Club yesterday.

Sir Louis said the Anglo-French purchasing commission had received the utmost co-operation and fair play from American industry; not a single attempt to take advantage of the Allies' urgent needs had been encountered.—Reuter.

### BIG RISE IN EXPORTS

New York, To-day.

The value of U.S. exports for February was £86,700,000. This is £30,700,000 more than the value of imports, the largest difference for over 11 years.—Reuter.

### SHIPBOARD THEFT

Mrs. R. E. Armbette, a passenger on board a vessel lying at the Kowloon Wharf, reports the theft of American banknotes to the value of HK\$164 from her cabin between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. yesterday.

## HEAVY VOTE IN CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.

Average to heavy balloting generally was reported in yesterday's General Election.

Owing to the death of the Liberal candidate, Mr. Wille Poisson, polling in Three Rivers, Quebec, was postponed pending nomination of a new candidate.

Only leading member of any party to make any prediction of the election result was Mr. G. C. Power, Postmaster-General of Quebec, who conceded a maximum of 65 seats to the Conservative opposition, of which 40 might be won in Ontario.—Reuter.

### THE INVERDARGLE FUND

London, To-day.

The Fund started in Trinidad and Tobago by the Governor, Sir Hubert Young, after the loss of 26 British West Indies seamen in the tanker Inverdargle has reached over 12,600 dollars.

It will be used to help such seamen and their dependents who are left in want as a direct result of enemy action. Some contributions to the Fund came from Venezuela.—British Wireless.

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# CABINET RE-SHUFFLE

## Five Names Mentioned For "Inner Cabinet"

### ANOTHER NORWEGIAN COMPLAINT

Oslo, To-day.

The allegation that a British destroyer, in attempting to stop a German vessel, fired a warning shot which fell on Norwegian soil, is made in an official statement issued yesterday.

According to the statement the incident occurred near Obrestad on March 22 and when the German vessel did not stop, the destroyer, which is alleged to have been within territorial waters, abstained from further force.

The statement continues: "The shell fell, without exploding, on the shore not far from the road and near a railway station."

The Norwegian Legation in London has been instructed to protest energetically against this "violation of the neutrality regulations." — Reuter.

### BATTERY PATH SNATCHING INCIDENT

Mrs. D. Campbell of No. 24, Macdonnell Road, to-day appeared in a snatching case, when Chan Pang, 28, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards, with stealing a handbag.

Mrs. Campbell was in Battery Path yesterday afternoon, when the defendant snatched her handbag and jumped over the railing above Queen's Road Central. He fell and was arrested by a passer-by.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

### NORWEGIAN SHIP DODGES THE NAZIS

Oslo, To-day.

When the Norwegian ship Fanefjell arrived in a Norwegian port on Monday, her crew described how, during the past month, their ship was attacked four times by German bombers and once by a U-boat.

They escaped each time.

The crew also saw the attack last week by several Nazi bombers on another Norwegian ship, the Svinta, which was sunk.—Reuter.

## NEW POST FOR MR. CHURCHILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

**THE POSSIBLE RESHUFFLING of the Cabinet is still the subject of all comment.**

It is understood the Labour Party are unlikely to accept participation.

General belief is that Mr. Chamberlain plans the creation of a War Cabinet of five members, who possibly would be Lord Halifax (Foreign Secretary), Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty), Sir John Simon (Chancellor of the Exchequer), Sir Samuel Hoare (Lord Privy Seal) and himself. — Havas.

### "Daily Mail" Forecast

London, To-day.

Official depreciation of newspaper Cabinet re-shuffles notwithstanding, the "Daily Mail" carries a report by its Diplomatic Correspondent stating that a "Cabinet Within The Cabinet" may be formed.

The correspondent suggests that the members will consist of Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halifax, Sir John Simon, Sir Samuel Hoare and Mr. Winston Churchill.

There are suggestions also that Lord Chatfield will become First Lord of the Admiralty, and that Mr. Churchill, as Minister without portfolio, will take over representation in the Inner Cabinet of the three fighting services and the war industry.

He will be the real Minister for Co-ordination of Defence.

Sir Kingsley Wood may be replaced and given a special post for directing acceleration of national production.—Reuter.

Ng Kim-chuen, 37, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for fraudulent conversion of \$195.60.

Det. Sergeant Bentley said defendant was assistant treasurer of the Barbers Union, and had spent money collected from barber shops between August and February 28.

## TRUTH ABOUT RAID ON SYLT

London, To-day.

German broadcasts continue to try and belittle the effect of the air raid on Sylt and magnify the losses entailed to the British bomber force taking part.

On the other hand, reliable reports have now been received in air circles in London from neutral observers which show that the damage done to the seaplane base was even more extensive and severe than was originally assessed on the reports of the British airmen.

It is evident that heavy damage was caused to the base and fuel stores, buildings were wrecked, hangars set on fire and seaplanes destroyed.—British Wireless.

## STALIN INIQUITOUS

"Finland: The Criminal Conspiracy of Stalin and Hitler," a pamphlet published by the Labour Party, gives a concise history of the events leading up to the Russo-Finnish war.

The Ribbentrop-Stalin link-up is discussed and the various moves which preceded and follow it to culminate in the final conflagration.

A passage dealing with the "criminal conspiracy" says: "The real depth of the iniquity of M. Joseph Stalin is still unknown. His thirty pieces of silver are already stained with the blood of his own nameless and countless Russian dead."

In short, the pamphlet presents in interesting and vital form the why and wherefore of Finland's tragedy.

## ACQUITTED ON ONE CHARGE

The case in which Ho So, a police reservist, was charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with threatening to accuse Chan Silk-tin of murder with intent to extort money and with demanding money with menaces, concluded this morning when the Jury unanimously found him "Not Guilty" on the first charge, and "Guilty" on the second.

Sentence was postponed till to-morrow. Inspector Hopkins to-day said he had known defendant for some time. He had been a police reservist since 1928 and was at present a crown sergeant. He was entitled to the special badge which had to be earned. He knew that accused was in the motor business but did not know whether he was the owner of the O'Brien Road shop. The shop seemed to do a fair business and witness was always under the impression that accused was a man of some substance. Mr. d'Almada, for the defence, said the case was not one of absorbing interest but his responsibility was great. In cases of this kind the onus of proof was always on the prosecution.

Mr. d'Almada drew attention to the discrepancies and contradictions in the evidence of witnesses and said that all the evidence of threat was adduced from complainant and his concubine.

No threats on the way to the Hotel were alleged.

There was no attempt to prevent the complainant from running away. The party went to the hotel in a perfectly normal manner.

There was no evidence that complainant was in fear. He smoked opium and the atmosphere that prevailed was such that complainant was satisfied to make himself comfortable on the bed while the threat was over his head.

Accused was a man of some substance and owned a garage, No. 4 to 8 O'Brien Road. Now the crown wished the jury to believe that such a man would risk everything, his future, his liberty, for \$500, of which his share would be about \$160.

The whole story of the prosecution was improbable in the light of circumstances at the Hotel. The room was visited at least three times by room boys and Chan could have made an attempt to get free or say something, but he did not. He could have told the boys that he wanted to see an Inspector, but he laid on the bed perfectly satisfied.

When taken to the Police station, he told a false story to Sergeant Cullinan and now explained that it was fear that made him do so. It was absurd that he should show fear then when he was as safe as houses. He was before a Police officer.

Sir Atholl said that a lot of evidence was agreed but from first to last they had not had the advantage of defendant's account of what happened that morning.

### KILLED BY A FALL

The manager of the Tai Po Theatre, Lau Chiu-yim, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital yesterday after a fall from the roof of the theatre. He died soon after admission.

Mrs. R. C. Birch, of No. 227, Prince Edward Road, has reported the theft of a gold finger ring valued at \$80 from her bedroom some time last night.

The China Light and Power Company have informed the Police that 45 yards of electric cable valued at \$388 have been stolen from Lai-chikok Sub-Station.

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# IT'S THE SAME WAR BUT—

Contrast in stories—1, by a British seaman; and 2, by a German air pilot—of the murder raids on British shipping in the North Sea:

1.—"We could see the German gunner jeering at a boy as he shot at him in the lifeboat."

2.—"We see two small boats. It would be a waste of bombs to attack them. We leave England's ship cemetery behind us."

STORY No. 1 was told by Seamen Robert Dunn, aged twenty-seven, who has returned to his mother's home in Park-street, Cambuslang, near Glasgow.

He was making his first trip with the Glasgow steamer Yewdale when it was attacked.

## LIKE SPARKS

He was the only man in the crew to escape the German bullets, which struck off the deck and steel fittings like sparks from a blacksmith's anvil.

He told a reporter: "It was not enough for the Germans to attack the ship, but they came after us in the boats and riddled the ballast tanks."

"We could see the Germans quite distinctly, and we could see the gunner jeering at a boy aged seven-teen as he shot at him in the boat." Soon afterwards the crew saw one of the attacking planes brought down in the sea.

## ENTHUSIASTIC

STORY No. 2 was told by Air Pilot Gunther, Kleingertner in the Vienna newspaper "Neues Wiener Tagblatt."

"We are flying late in the afternoon against England. We reach the Thames."

"The crews are enthusiastic, for the vital nerve of Great Britain is ahead of us. Britain is no more an island."

"We see a big ship, 5,000 tons at least. No lights. Must be English. Suddenly the ship puts on lights. Damn—a neutral."

"Really none of us believes it, but an order is an order. We have to respect neutral vessels."

## THEY FLED TWICE

"Attention, enemy fighters," shouts the gunner. Diving, a British fighter flies towards us. He is not alone.

"Only one Nazi plane and so many democratic wrecks. We resign."

"We are responsible for the plane and the crew so we fly with the greatest possible speed. Hurray! The enemy has lost us in the mist."

"Damn. Fighters again. Twelve of them. But, thank heaven, they are far away. Before they can get near—

or, the darkness has swallowed us."

P.S.—Germany is probably the only country in the world in which a pilot could boast publicly that he ran away twice in a day from the enemy.

## THE WAR IN FIELD OF DIPLOMACY

London, To-day.

Several Home papers comment on diplomatic activity in Europe.

The German plan to dominate Europe and annihilate England, just restated by Dr. Ley, is commented on by the "Manchester Guardian," which asks: How is this formidable German plan to be met? Europe must be shown that Britain's interest is neither selfish nor insincere and she cannot distinguish between her freedom and Europe's.

The "Yorkshire Post" says the first visible result of our diplomatic activity in Bucharest is in the announcement that a Rumanian economic mission will visit London early next month. A new clearing agreement will be negotiated and, probably, vigorous attempts will be made to expand the whole of British Rumanian trade.

On the question of "nerves," the "Daily Telegraph" comments that the Easter holiday-makers showed that both Britain and France are ready with quiet confidence for whatever trouble may come.—Reuter.

## 20 KILLED IN AMBUSH

Twenty French soldiers were killed in a German ambush—the biggest loss the French have sustained in a single engagement since the war began. The clash was an indication of a quickening pace on the Western Front.

The French soldiers, operating in the central sector of the Front, stumbled into the ambush just before dawn and fell under a hail of machine-gun fire before they could attempt to extricate themselves or fight back.

The loss was reported by the official French radio commentator as "an unfortunate accident."

He said that for some days the Germans had shown greater activity than before—trying to rush the French advance posts.

## COLONIAL POLICY

London, To-day.

"The Times" remarks that the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the West Indies, the chief of which the Government has stated it will carry out, refute the old axiom that the Colonies are only retained as a source of profit for the governing powers.

The proposals were well received both in the islands themselves and at Home, where the British taxpayer will have to provide a substantial sum, the main portion of which will go to health, education and housing schemes.—Reuter.

## K.C.C. TEAMS

Following have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in friendly cricket matches against Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday:—

First XI—D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, A. Zimmermann, D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madar, N. D. Lloyd, R. E. Lee, G. C. Burnett and F. J. Lay. Reserve—B. D. Lay.

Second XI (Away):—W. Mulcahy, E. Curtis, S. A. Gray, G. A. Goodban, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, R. A. J. Simpson, R. Baldwin, J. R. Luke, H. Broken-shire and C. Pope.

## SUNDAY'S MATCH

Following will represent K.C.C. seniors in a whole-day match against C.S.C. on the home ground at 11 a.m.:—

D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, A. Zimmermann, D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, N. D. Lloyd, F. J. Lay, E. Curtis, W. Mulcahy and B. D. Lay. Umpire:—J. P. Robinson. Scorer:—T. W. Carr.

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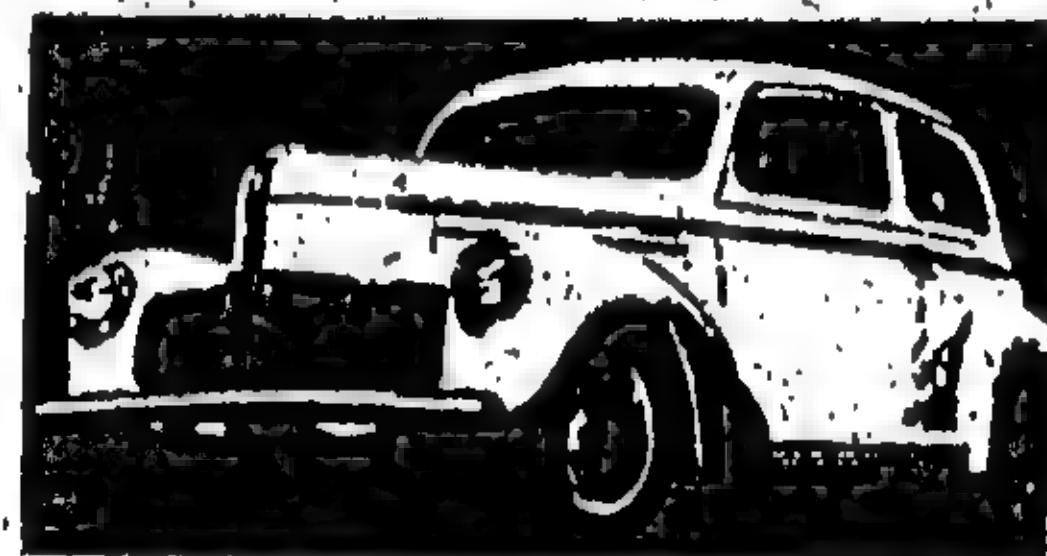
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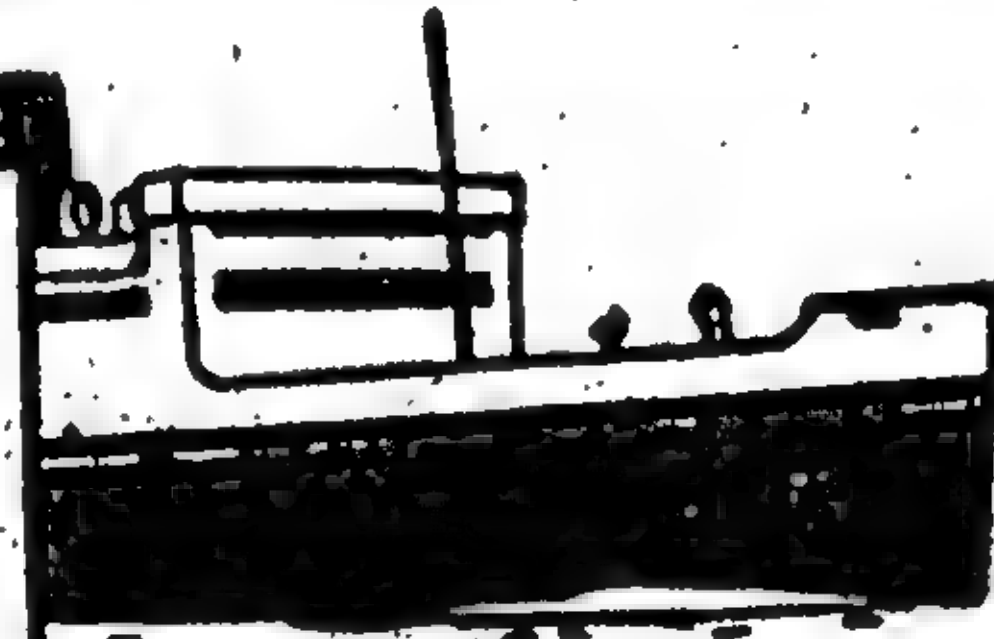
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## SECRETS OF THE GERMAN ESPIONAGE SERVICE

# Bombing of the Diplomatic Corps at Krzemieniec

What is quite clear is that the preliminary intrigues of the German espionage services are one of the causes of the Polish defeat. When it became impossible to resort to certain methods, such as light signals on chimneys, the Germans had recourse to other means.

On the fifth day of the Polish war, the diplomatic corps was evacuated to Kazimierz and Nalenchouff, picturesque Polish spas where diplomats accustomed to the luxuries of life could taste the pleasures of a rural existence. Old friendships were renewed, new acquaintances begun. I can still recall how, in the same compartment, the French ambassador, Mr. Noel, the British ambassador and the American ambassador worked in the midst of the members of their embassies in shirtsleeves—a small matter which contributed to the popularity of the latter in America. The diplomats accredited to the Polish Government and their staff constituted a single and numerous family of which all members worked in the same spirit and with the same zeal.

There was but one exception: the members of the Soviet embassy invariably isolated themselves. I think that I am right if I say that Count Morsztyn, Director of the Protocol Services of the Polish Foreign Ministry, who work untiringly night and day to see that everyone was comfortable, received the thanks of all with the exception of the Soviet diplomats. All the others, nobles and descendants of old families, cheerfully accepted the inevitable disadvantages of this forced villegiatura; the representatives of the great republic of the working classes complained of everything. They also kept themselves strictly to themselves, rather surprising on the part of Russians.

As for the passports, this raised a considerable amount of dust. When a diplomatic passport is issued in Paris or London, it is done with a full knowledge of facts; it is given to him in whose name it is issued. At Berlin and Moscow, on the other hand, passports of any nationality are established for anyone. One and the same spy can be simultaneously in possession of several identities. At the Soviet embassy in Warsaw, there were Germans who, with Russian passports, travelled as Soviet diplomatic agents.

But let us return to Kazimierz. In the night of September 6th, the Polish Protocol received the news of the lightning advance of the German troops. It was decided to evacuate the diplomatic corps in the direction of the eastern frontier, and early on the 7th, the luxurious cars took the road.

The German wireless has described in detail the route taken by the diplomatic corps, which, during the final days of the war, made its quarters at

Krzemieniec, a tiny village situated at the cross of two roads, one leading towards the east, the other to the west. I arrived there on the day of its initial bombardment by the German planes. The day before, the Soviet ambassador, Mr. Charonoff, had left Krzemieniec with all his services; they had not a long way to go, before reaching their own territory.

The German wireless, informed by the secret posts, began to give definite details concerning the locality where the diplomatic corps had taken refuge. On September 12th, in the morning, a German plane flew very low over the village and bombed it, destroying a whole section. From all sides, one heard screams, one saw the flames lit by the fire bombs. Human bodies and the corpses of horses were confounded pell-mell. From a low altitude, the German flier bombed and machine-gunned the unfortunate housewives who were making their round of the

By  
**Konrad Wrzos**

market, the bombs cut open their baskets, scattering wares and public on all sides; then the plane turned furiously towards the sole street of the village.

The risks of the inhabitants were shared by the diplomats, with the exception, of course, of those who had fled the day before.

On September 17th, the Russians entered Poland; it was at the moment when the Poles began to retrench themselves behind a line of defence facing the German troops. Stabbed in the back, the Poles were unable to defend themselves against two enemies; the Germans from the front, the Russian traitors at their rear. Mr. Charonoff had informed Moscow that the propitious moment had come.

In the sector occupied by the Russians, the communists defiled with Red flags bearing the sickle and the hammer. In the German sector, the agents of the Gestapo unmasked themselves. In a war that was more ideological than is generally thought, the conquest of a country was effected first by the corruption of thought, then by propaganda and espionage, finally by arms.

The German agents, installed for some time in Poland as waiters, taxi-drivers or in other seemingly harmless professions, had suddenly begun to speak German. These were the same persons who, before the aggression, had constantly raised insidious questions.

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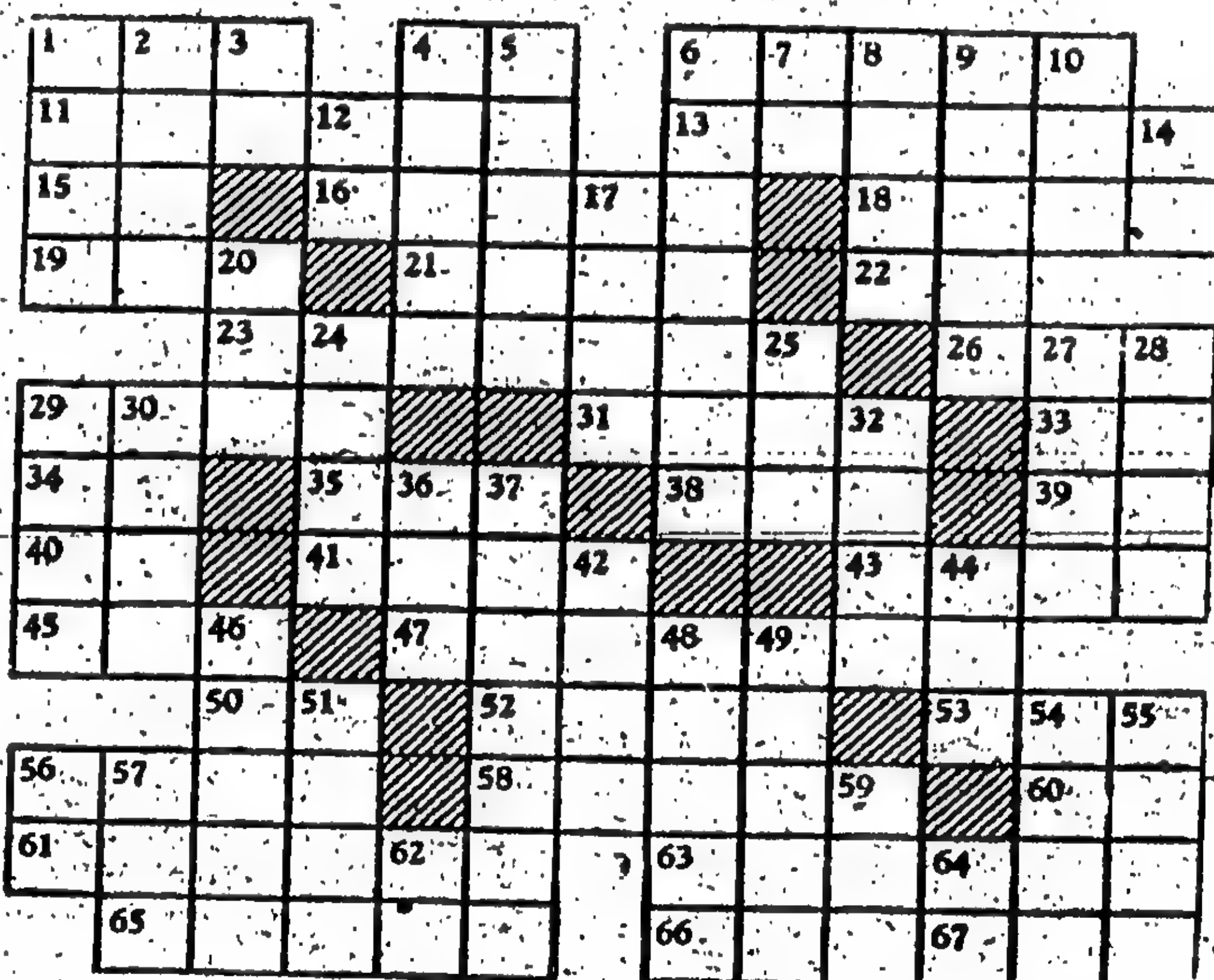
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- 18 Kind of bird
- 15 Pronoun
- 16 Arrangement
- 18 Stern
- 19 Nahoor sheep
- 21 Affectations
- 22 That man
- 23 Pertaining to the ocean
- 26 Clique
- 29 Ode
- 31 Supercilious person
- 33 Egyptian deity
- 34 King of Bashan
- 35 Pronoun
- 38 African antelope
- 39 Preposition
- 40 Either
- 41 Rent
- 43 Sounded
- 45 Scarlet
- 47 Pertaining to eating
- 50 Comparative ending
- 52 Ultimate

#### VERTICAL

- 53 Noun
- 56 Preposition
- 58 Constellation
- 60 Land measure (var.)
- 61 Tentacle
- 63 To empower
- 65 Allowances for waste
- 66 Compass point
- 67 Large deer

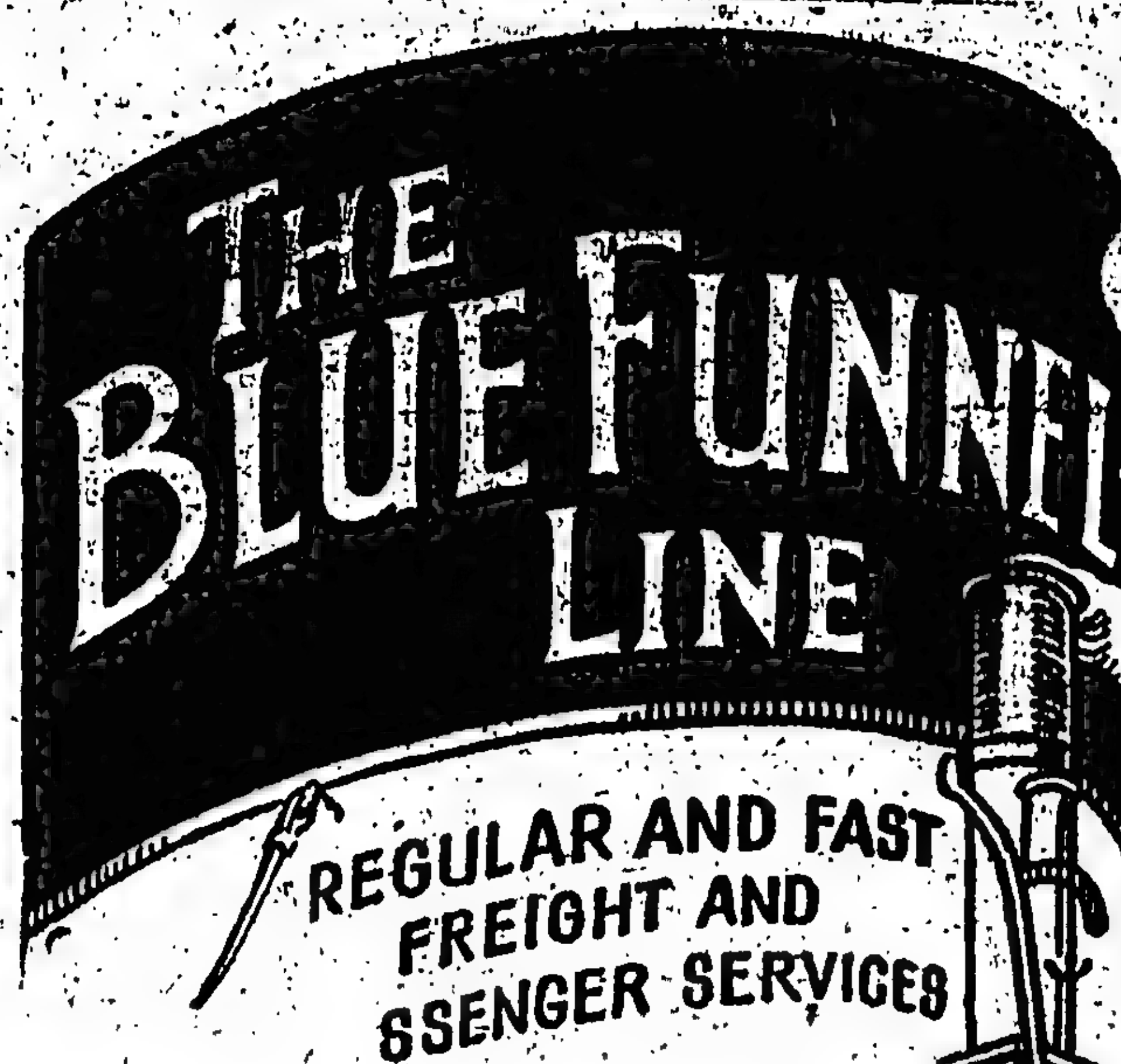
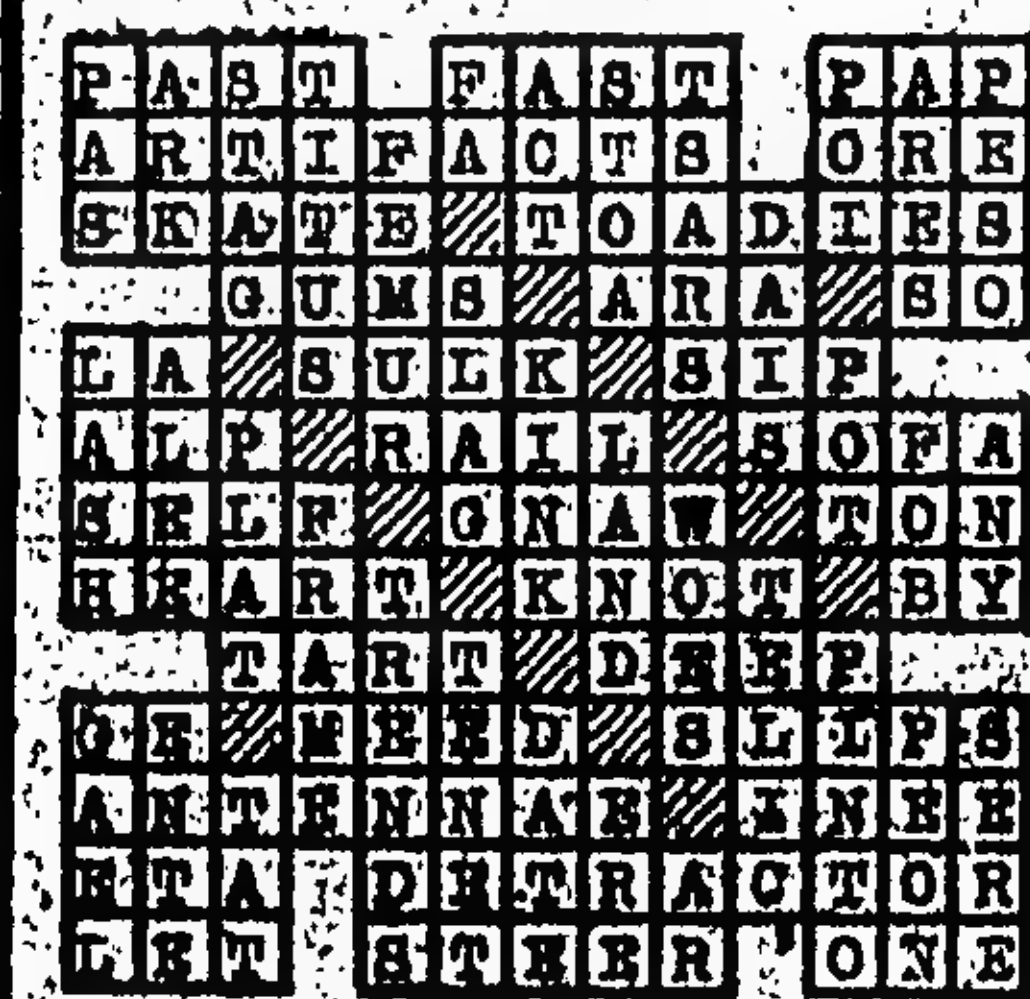
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- 2 Baking place
- 3 Pronoun
- 4 Gilded
- 5 Means
- 6 Supply of horses

#### 7 Symbol for iridium

- 8 Near
- 9 Stabs
- 10 High priest
- 12 Japanese drama
- 14 Type measure
- 17 Units of work
- 20 To imitate
- 24 To send forth
- 25 To steer
- 27 Ireland
- 28 Sharp taste
- 29 Unfortunate
- 30 Giant
- 32 Prickly flower
- 36 To spread
- 37 Seamen
- 42 To raise
- 44 Yes
- 46 To hinder
- 48 Chinese coin
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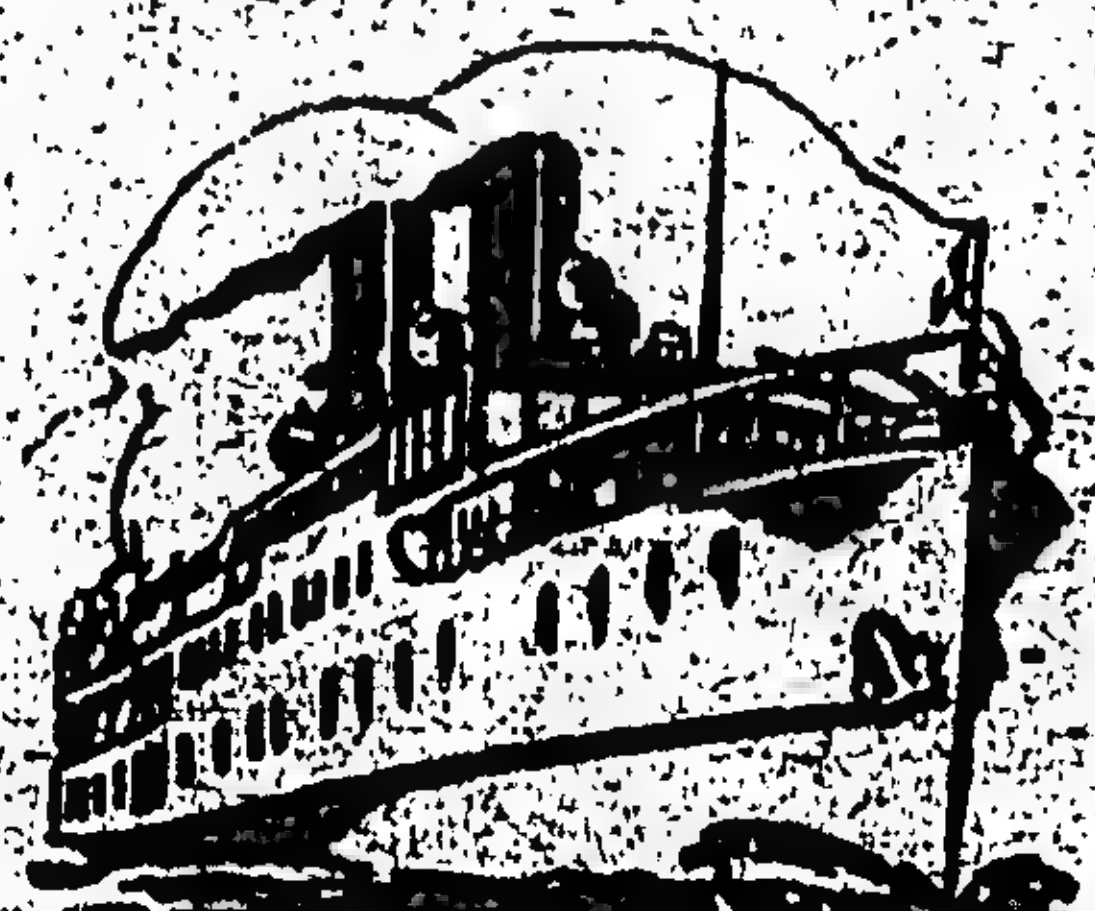
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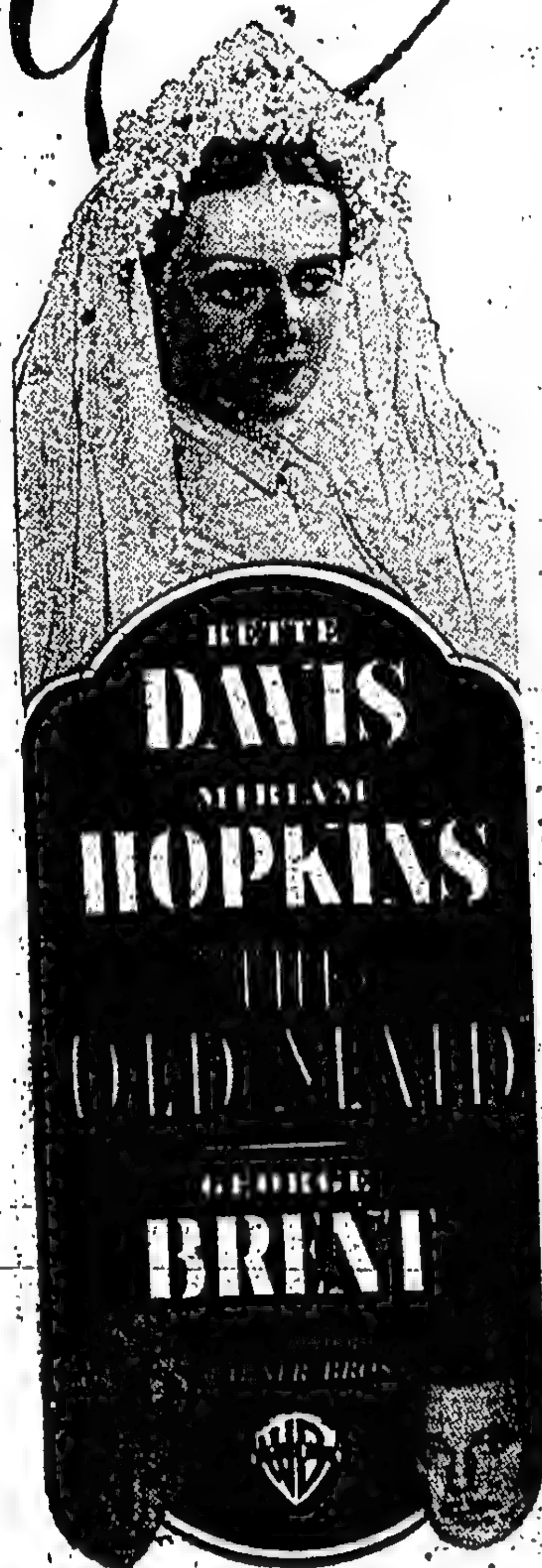
**STOCK MARKET QUIET**

London, To-day.  
The Stock Exchange was quiet yesterday, and there was little activity except in home rails which were higher on reports of the large Easter holiday traffic.

Indian Government stocks tended to harden, but elsewhere movements were very small.  
Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

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# BRITISH LOAN AGREEMENT WITH FRANCO SPAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

**A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND SPANISH GOVERNMENTS, PUBLISHED HERE YESTERDAY, REFERS TO THE BRITISH DESIRE TO ASSIST THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF RECONSTRUCTION WORK.**

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The trade and payments agreement, the text of which was also published, will come into force on April 1.

The Anglo-Spanish clearing arrangement is re-established by the trade and payments agreement.

**NORMAL RELATIONS**

Reuter learns that the occasion of the inauguration of the loan agreement is regarded in official quarters as the commencement of a period in which the friendly economic relations between the two countries have been placed on a normal basis.

The agreement is regarded as dovetailing into the Anglo-Spanish war trade agreement which it is hoped will be merely the beginning of a much more considerable volume of trade between the two countries whose economies are in so many respects complementary. — Reuter.

**LORD MAYOR'S FUND**

London, To-day.

The Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund for sick and wounded in the war now stands at £1,260,000, representing an increase of £18,000 over the Easter holidays.

The Secretary of State for India has forwarded £7,500, representing the Sterling equivalent of two sums of 50,000 rupees contributed by the States of Dhar and Barwan for seven ambulances. — Reuter.

**SUDETEN GERMANS DESERT TO HOLLAND**

Amsterdam, To-day.

Two Sudeten German soldiers who deserted into the Netherlands have told villagers that many more Germans would desert if it were not for the severe penalties and the close watch kept on them. — Reuter.

**BOMBING OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT KRZEMIELEC**

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tions or had sought to cast doubt in the public mind—one of the rare methods of contamination in a country where journalists could not be bribed. Consequently, the German army, on its arrival in Poland, was able to avail itself of valuable auxiliaries. It also found others among the German minorities of old standing. In a military order issued by a German chief, one can read: "In Polen leben neben reinen Polen in verschiedenen Gebieten noch deutsche Minderheiten und andere Volksgruppen mit nicht-deutscher Sprache, die aber mit den Deutschen sympathisieren." This is to say that in Poland, in the various provinces, there are German minorities and others who do not speak German, but who sympathise with the Germans. With that pre-occupation for accuracy and details by which they are characterised, the German leaders have minutely described how to enter into these circles. Here it is that the agents inhabiting Poland for many years before the hostilities have played their principal part together with less important missions, but yet of a certain importance.

To understand this, it is necessary to refer once more to Prefect Kowalski concerning the role of the Gestapo in Poland: "After occupying half Poland and offering the other half to the Russians," he says, "Germany has ordered her agents to finish off the Polish intellectuals and to inform the Reich with regard to the most prominent persons of the country." It can be said that these sinister instructions have been executed to the letter. Scientists, students, high officials, politicians, great landowners have been dragged away from their activities to be murdered or tortured in concentration camps. To this end, the Gestapo agents in each town have lists which are kept up to date and contain the names of all persons opposed to the Nazi regime; they have been hunted down ever since the beginning of the aggression.

Fortunately, it must be stated that despite this methodical preparation, the German police has not been quite so efficient as hoped by its chiefs. Although its agents have reached the limit of bestiality and inhumanity, they have occasionally been accessible to bribes.

Mr. Kowalski concludes: "There were also lists of the towns where an insurrection had to be put down. The leaders of these movements were executed in the street, before the eyes of the crowd, in order to give an example and to strike the imagination. Then the invaders went on to the systematic destruction of libraries, works of art and the sacred vessels; what they could not steal was destroyed on the spot, rendered unfit for use and unrecognisable. Here, the information collected before the invasion was of great value."

The Prefect terminated the conversation on a very serious note: "Can it be doubted that, in other countries bordering upon Germany, the Germans can refrain from pursuing the same methods? The conclusion to be drawn from the Polish experience is that an end must be made of all forces tempted to work for the Nazis. There must be no scruples, for such scruples will have to be paid for with the blood of the peoples after irreparable losses."

(To be continued)

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**EVEN FOOTBALLS RATIONED IN GERMANY**

Berlin, To-day.

The latest thing to be rationed in Germany is — footballs.

Just as in the case of food, clothing and so on, permits will now be issued but only to recognised football teams. — Reuter.

**LOCAL DOLLAR**

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 25/32.

London silver was quoted at 20-1/16 for spot and 20-1/8 for forward.

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## HONG KONG AND ST. DUNSTAN'S

Attached is an extract from a letter received by His Excellency The Governor from Captain Sir Ian Fraser, Chairman, St. Dunstan's.

Dear Sir Geoffrey Northcote,—I have just received your two letters dated 16th and 22nd February respectively and I greatly appreciate the trouble you have taken to enable your Colony to make such a magnificent response to the Appeal I issued early in October.

Will you be so very kind as to cause our most grateful thanks to be conveyed to the Chairman and Members of the Hong Kong British War Organization Fund for their generosity in voting a sum of One Thousand Pounds to St. Dunstan's. Immediately this money is received I will, of course, communicate with the Chairman of the Fund.

Quite apart from the financial aspect of this very generous gift which you have been good enough to use your influence to procure for us, your letter and the keen personal interest you have done us the honour of taking in St. Dunstan's is a real pleasure to me. I need hardly say how much we prize all the help and sympathy that is coming in to us from the Empire in these anxious days and your letter is just one further example of this interest and co-operation.

We have a huge task ahead of us in preparing for the reception and care of heavy casualties which may so soon come to us and our Hospital at Ovingdean has to be ready night and day to meet all emergencies. Sailors, soldiers, airmen, men of the merchant service, mine sweepers home defence workers and so on will all bring their eye casualties and their blindness to us, and I am particularly anxious to enlist the sympathy of British people overseas to help us to build up a substantial War fund and thus enable us to give these young men the same help which we gave, and are still giving, to the 1914-1918 men.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) Ian Fraser,  
CHAIRMAN.

## COMPANY MEETING

Dr. S. W. Ts'o, presiding this morning at the annual meeting of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, owners of the King's Theatre, in the course of his speech, said:

Gentlemen:—The gross takings from the theatre are approximately the same as in the previous year and business generally throughout the year can be considered as good. An improvement has been effected to the theatre's Sound System, which now compares favourably with the most modern theatres in America, by the installation of Western Electric's "Microphone", a system which makes projected sound more clear and realistic.

As in previous years we have again given several successful performances for the benefit of various charitable organizations.

The profit, after providing \$75,438.20 for depreciation, amounted to \$81,197.03 and with the balance of \$25,689.98 brought forward, we have a \$106,887.01 available for distribution, out of which your Directors recommend placing to General Reserve \$20,000 and the payment of a Dividend of 70 cents per share which will absorb \$69,800.60 leaving \$16,986.41 to be carried forward.

Mr. Li Kwok seconded.

Sir Shouson Chow and Dr. S. W. Ts'o were re-elected Directors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors.

## CONTROL OF COTTON IN CHEKIANG

Shanghai, To-day.

In an effort to tighten control of cotton produced in Chekiang province the provincial authorities have increased the selling (market) price by \$7.50 per picul while cotton merchants are granted a five per cent commission, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

The purchasing is being undertaken by the oil, tea, cotton and silk control bureau of the provincial government. By thus raising the selling price it is hoped effectively to prevent cotton produced in Chekiang from being supplied to the Japanese. —Reuter.

## THYSSSEN IN FRANCE

ZURICH, TO-DAY. FRITZ THYSSSEN, THE GERMAN STEEL MAGNATE AND ONE OF THE EARLY BACKERS OF THE NAZIS, HAS LEFT SWITZERLAND FOR FRANCE.

He went to Switzerland last November, after breaking with the Nazis, whom he blamed for the war. His property in Germany was promptly confiscated by the Nazis, and he and his wife lost their German citizenship.

Recently, in a letter to the Argentine Press, Herr Thyssen expressed his frank disapproval of the Nazi policy and said that Germany is bound to lose the war. — Reuter.

## BRITISH SUBJECTS GET AWAY

Moscow, To-day.

Over half the British subjects in Soviet-occupied Poland have now been repatriated.

When the Soviets occupied Poland there were some 200 British subjects there, mainly visiting relatives.

Less than 100 remain and most of these are Palestinians, with some Canadian Ukrainians. The former are leaving at the rate of 10 a

## SOVIET IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM

Tokyo, To-day.

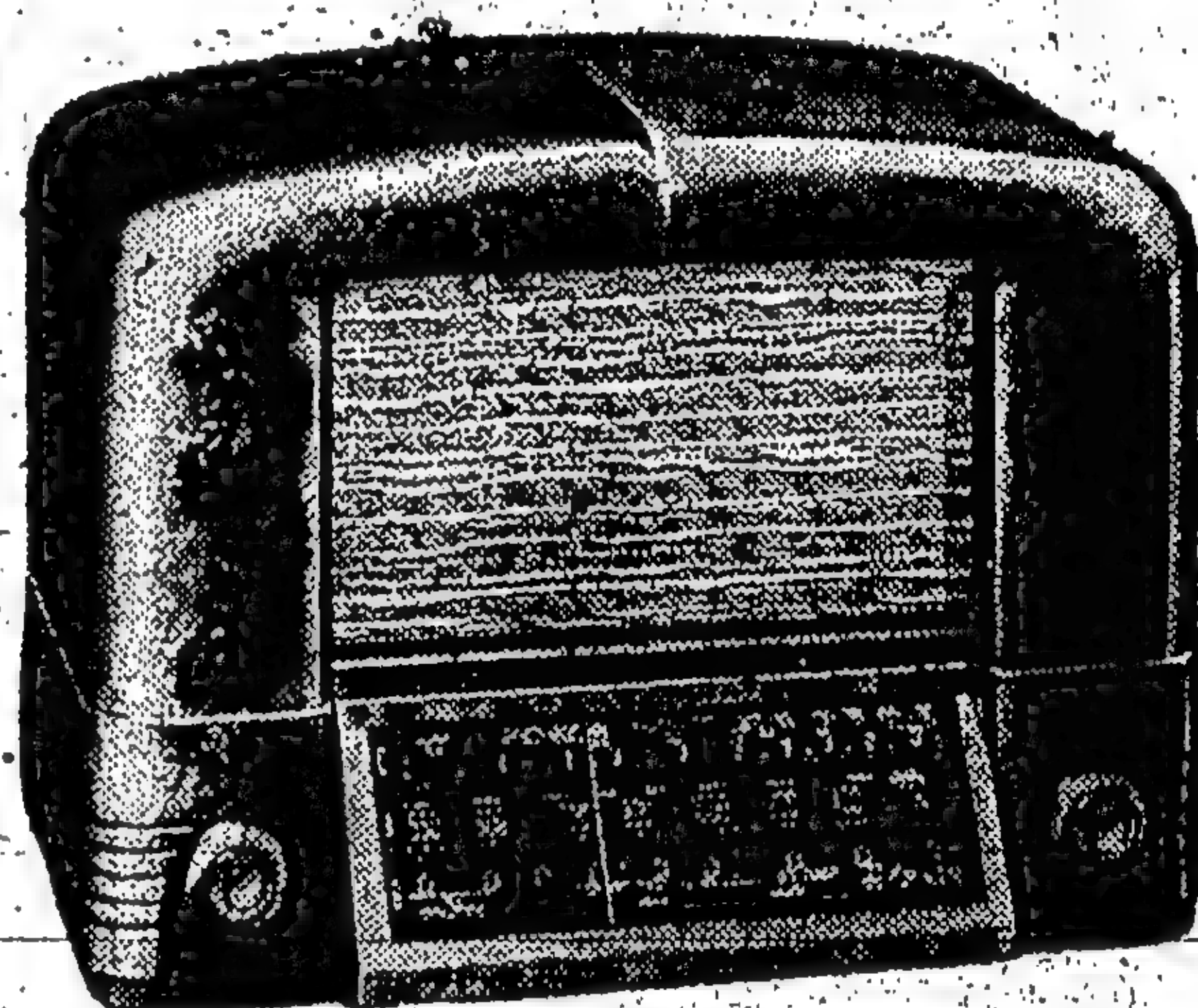
The Soviet Union is "feverishly importing" petroleum from America through Vladivostok, according to a Japanese press message from Tsuruga, terminus of the ferryboat service linking Vladivostok with Japan.

The message adds the Soviets are also seeking to develop their own Far Eastern deposits. — Reuter.

fortnight.

The well-known Zionist, John Hundstein, was among those who recently left for Palestine. — Reuter.

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# To-day's Wireless

"The Voice Of The Nazi"

6.00 p.m.—Rossini—Overture "Semiramide". Philharmonic—Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by Arturo Toscanini.  
6.14 p.m.—Songs by Oscar Natzke (Bass).  
The Song of Hybrias The Cretan (Elliott)... with Orchestra.  
Hear Me Ye Winds and Waves (Handel)... with Organ accomp.  
The Village Blacksmith (Longfellow-Weiss)... with Orchestra.  
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Schubert.  
Sonata in A Minor for Cello and Piano... Emanuel Feuermann (Cello) & Gerald Moore (Piano).  
Schubert Waltzes... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.  
7.00 p.m.—Miliza Korjus (Soprano) and Marek Weber & His Orchestra.  
Serenade (Moszkowsky); The Maidens of Cadiz (Delibes)... Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra.

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An Evening With Liszt (Urbach)  
Marek Weber & His Orch.  
Tales From The Vienna Woods (Featured in the film 'The Great Waltz') (Strauss)... Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra.  
Faust—Selection (Gounod, arr. Weber)... Marek Weber & His Orch.  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—An English Programme.  
Tom Jones—Selection (German)... Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.  
One Kind Word (Charles-Degn)... Still Love Mary (Siever-Ramsay)... The Hon. W. Brownlow (Baritone) with Orchestra.

London Bridge March (Eric Coates)  
New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Joseph Lewis.  
The Children's Home (Weatherly & Cowen)... Catherine Stewart (Contralto) with Berkeley Mason at the Organ.  
Two Symphonic Rhapsodies (Eric Coates): (1) I Pitch My Lonely Caravan; (2) Bird Songs at Eventide I Heard You Singing... New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Joseph Lewis.  
Music of the Night (Black-Eric Coates)... John McCormack (Tenor) with Piano accomp. by Edwin Schneider.  
"The Rose" (Selection of English Melodies—arr. Myddleton)... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream.  
8.45 p.m.—Studio—"Some Great Authors"—S. Macaulay. The fifth of a series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

9.05 p.m.—Songs by Dennis Noble (Baritone).  
The Devout Lover (Pollock & White)... with Piano accomp.  
The Shade of the Palm (from 'Florodora'—Stuart); Star of My Soul (from 'The Gelshe'—Jones)... with Orchestral accomp.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.  
9.30 p.m.—Talk on "The Voice of the Nazi" recorded by Professor W. A. Sinclair.  
9.48 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.  
Toy Land Medley. Intro; Teddy Bears' Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll; Parade of the Tin Soldiers; Punch and Judy Show; The Toy Train... with Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London.  
Reminiscences of Friml. Intro; Indian Love Call; The Mounties; Chanson; The door of my Dreams; Rose Marie; March of the Vagabonds; Only a Rose; L'amour toujours l'amour; Serenade.  
10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.  
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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### UNLOOKED-FOR SQUEEZE

The expert player is always on the lookout for a possible squeeze play, and sometimes one seems to materialise out of thin air. In to-day's hand South's five-heart bid was purely defensive. Then, to his surprise, he found himself making his contract.

East, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 10 8 2  
♥ Q 10 6 4  
♦ Q 5 3  
♣ A J 9  
♠ Q 8  
♥ A  
♦ 8 7 6 2  
♣ K 8 7 6  
5 4  
N  
W  
E  
S  
♠ A K J 10  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ 8  
♣ K J 4  
3 2  
♠ 4  
♥ K J 9 7 6 3 2  
♦ A 10 9  
♣ Q 10

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♠ 2♥ 3♣ 3♥  
4♠ 5♥ Dbl. Pass  
Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of spades. East overtook and played a second round, which South trumped. South led a heart. West won and shifted to a club (a diamond lead would have prevented the squeeze). Declarer carefully won the club lead with his Queen, then ran off all his remaining clubs, discarding two diamonds from dummy. This left dummy with two clubs, the ten of

spades and the diamond Queen. Now Declarer played a club, finessed the Jack and followed with the Ace. East had to hold the high spade and hence had to let go of the diamond Jack. The diamond Queen was then played. East's King fell and South's ten won the last trick.

Yesterday, as Merwin Maier's partner, you held:

♠ x x  
♥ x x  
♦ J 9 8 7 x x  
♣ K J x x

The bidding:  
Maier Burnstone You Schenken  
1♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: While the safest and best bid is to pass, two diamonds is excusable. Score 100% for pass, 80% for two diamonds, 20% for one no-trump (very unsound).

QUESTION NO. 388  
Both sides are vulnerable and the opponents have 40 on score. You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ x x x  
♥ 10 x x  
♦ K x x x  
♣ Q x x

The bidding:  
You Jacoby Schenken Burnstone  
Pass 1♥ 1♠ 1♥

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## E. ZIMMERN STILL LEADS

Following are the latest results in the Colony Chess Championship:—  
B. S. Litvin beat L. Blair.  
A. Kurrik beat V. V. Kalatchoff.  
K. Weiss drew with D. E. de Carvalho.  
The positions of players are as follow:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
E. Zimmern	8	7	0	1	7
B. S. Litvin	9	6	0	3	6
K. Weiss	9	5	1	3	5½
K. M. A. Barnett	6	5	0	1	5
Sir H. Pollock	8	4	2	2	5
D. E. de Carvalho	8	3	1	4	3½
A. Kurrik	8	3	1	4	3½
A. Birlikoff	7	1	2	4	2
L. Blair	7	1	0	6	1
V. V. Kalatchoff	8	0	1	7	½

## "Y" LADIES BEAT C.B.A.

In a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday, "Y" Ladies, Caer Clark Cup champions, beat Central British Association by 3-2. Goals were scored by Miss D. McCaw (2) and Miss I. Buchanan, for "Y", and Miss B. Parsons and Mrs.



The girl chum says it's no wonder a girl has a hard time keeping anything up her sleeve what with the evening clothes designed these days.

Quick, for C. B. A. Miss Parsons, normally a full-back, played a good game at inside-right yesterday.

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## LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

## GILLIES IMPRESSES

Decisive Win Over Experienced Wynter-Blyth

## DOUBLES MATCHES UNINTERESTING

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH NOTHING VERY spectacular was produced in any of the three matches played at King's College last night in the Colony badminton championships, the standard was fairly satisfactory and there were no upsets.

P. H. Wong and C. Au, one of the strongest combinations in the doubles event, had little difficulty in beating T. T. Chinn and C. K. Cheah; K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew had slightly more difficulty against F. Koh and C. Y. Yung but finest impression of the evening was made by W. Gillies, of St. Andrew's, who revealed very promising form in beating the experienced P. Wynter-Blyth, of K.C.C. in straight games.

Opening game of the programme was between Yong and Chew and F. Koh and Chung. In the early stages it appeared possible that the fine form of Koh might make for a close game. He was in fine form and covered a great deal of ground, smashing driving and clearing with great accuracy. Yung, however, through over-eagerness, endeavoured to take on more of the game than was necessary and frequently ruined a rally by just touching the shuttle.

## CHEW GOOD

For the winners, Chew was easily the better player. His uncanny disguise of direction was again much in evidence and he was continually catching the opposition on the wrong foot. Yong was inclined to be casual with all his strokes and not until the closing stages of the second game did he really exert himself, to bring off some fine shots.

It is difficult to judge Patrick Wong and C. Au on their performance last night. Their opponents from University tried very hard but individually or collectively they were never a match. Cheah was in particularly bad form last night and simply could not get his strokes into working order. His retrieving, usually one of the finest features of his game, was also bad.

Chinn, on the other hand, never gave up trying and on occasions matched Wong and Au for speed and accuracy. It was impossible for him to get very far, however, having regard to the poor support he received.

Wong was the finest player on the court—as he usually is—and his smashing, attack of service and clever angle shots, delayed until the last possible moment, made most of the openings.

## POOR COMBINATION

His combination with Au, however, left much to be desired. When covering the rear of the court, in the one up one back formation which this pair favoured throughout, Au was fairly impressive but when forced to stay put in the centre forecourt he was all at sea and simply did not know what to do.

Au and Wong are probably the finest pair of individuals entered together but unless they practice more together they are not likely to win the championship.

A very fair standard resulted from the junior singles semi-final between Gillies and Wynter-Blyth. The latter was little inferior to Gillies in the matter of stroke equipment and court-craft but the stamina and aggressiveness of Gillies carried him through to a decisive victory.

Blyth took a lead of 7-1 at the outset, when Gillies could not keep his shots on the court, but once he had settled down to conditions, the ultimate winner could not be stopped.

In the final game his coverage of court and the constant pressure that he applied had Blyth all at sea and although he pluckily resisted until the end, he was a spent force.

## THE FINAL

It will be interesting to see how Gillies will fare against Norman Smith, whom he is expected to meet in the final. Both count stamina their greatest asset and consequently do not spare themselves in their retrieving. Smith's short game is somewhat the better of the two and this should be just sufficient to give him the match. I would not care to wager to this effect, however!

## TALL ORDER FOR EASTERN

In order that they may complete their fixtures before April 9 Eastern are now obliged to play four games in a week. On Saturday they meet South China in the Final of the Senior Shield.

The following is their programme for next week:

Monday	v Kowloon
Wednesday	v Middlesex
Saturday	v Club
Sunday	v Royal Scots

## ARMY CRICKET

## SAPPERS BEATEN AT LAST

THE FINAL OF THE Army Large Units' Knock-Out Cricket Competition was decided at Sookunpoo yesterday when Combined Small Units beat Royal Engineers by 170 runs.

At the conclusion of the match, Brigadier McLeod presented the cup to the Combined Small Units.

Sgt. Webb, of R.A.M.C., again batted soundly to compile 85 for Combined Small Units. He was more restrained than usual and hit only seven fours.

L/Cpl. Logan, after a long absence from the game, scored 48, included in which, were eight boundaries.

L/Cpl. Young was in remarkable form with the ball and finished with 7 for 7 after having, at one period, 5 for 2.

## COMBINED SMALL UNITS

Gardner, lbw., b Megson	11
Logan, c Shipp, b Parsons	48
Murphy, b Denyer	3
Webb, run out	85
Lawrence, lbw., b Denyer	1
Harvey, run out	23
Swyer, b Megson	2
Blount, b Denyer	8
Emerson, c Bailey, b Megson	37
Boocock, c Ratcliffe, b Megson	0
Young, not out	9
Extras (B19, LB6, NB1)	26
Total	253

## Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ratcliffe	12.7	2	42	0
Shaw	2	0	19	0
Megson	10	1	34	4
Parsons	9	1	50	1
Denyer	10	0	49	3
Shipp	4	0	33	0

Denyer bowled one no ball.

## Results

## OPEN DOUBLES

C. Au and Patrick H. Wong beat C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chinn 15-8, 15-5.  
K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew beat F. Koh and C. Y. Yung 18-14, 15-7.

## JUNIOR SINGLES

W. Gillies beat P. Wynter Blyth 15-11, 15-4.

## CHINA PONY CLASSIFICATIONS

The following is the latest classification of ponies as issued by the Macao Jockey Club on March 26:

"Y" Class Subscription China Ponies.—Country Flower, Coureur Bleu, Fairy Auk, Fairy Ousel Gold Clause, Hogmanay, Hohenfels, Meadow Eve, Merry Fatty, Merry Maker, Morning Tip, Rothesay Bay, Shanghai 4, Victory Life, Wood Nymph.

"X" Class China Ponies.—Cloudy Star, Double Up, Eagle, Iron Knight, National Triumph, High Tower.

## HONG KONG LISTS

The Hong Kong Jockey Club have made the following alterations and additions to classification lists:

Australian ponies.—Bruno, Many Thanks, Springhurst to "B" Class.

Australian Prince, Bredon, Centre Court, Fair Chance, Forehand Drive, Franklin, Prince Bridge, Rowan, Snowy River, to "C" Class.

Heinz, Nancy Lee, Piccadilly Jim, to "D" Class.

China Ponies.—Dupont Bay, O-Lan, to "A" Class.

Gay Star, Oonagh to "B" Class.

Blue Field, Blue Gate, Emergency Unit, Musketeer, Oak Bay, Ojibway, Rose Charming, Rose Evelyn, Rose Fiana, Rose Perfect, to "C" Class.

Valorous to "D" Class.

## TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

## ST. JOHN'S SHOULD BEAT KING'S

King's College will this evening have their last chance of retaining an interest in the Junior Badminton championship, when they entertain St. John's.

First meeting of these sides resulted in a win for the church team by the narrowest possible margin after a great fight, and King's, on their own court, hope to have their revenge. At the time of going to press, I had been unable to secure King's line-up by I expect that it will be their usual one.

St. John's will be at full strength and, having regard to the better balance of their team, I expect them to win, which result will practically assure them of the title.

St. John's have lost one match in the League, while King's have lost to Recreio, besides their first defeat by St. John's.

Match between Kowloon Tong and Recreio has been postponed on the instigation of the latter team.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

K. C. C. v. V. R. C.  
King's v. St. John's.  
St. John's—F. Kwok and D. Kwok; H. Eardley and R. Beavan; P. Wilson and N. L. Smith.

## H.K.F.C. DINNER

Hong Kong Football Club will hold its annual dinner in the Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

## SHIELD TIE

The postponed Junior Shield Semi-final tie between South China and Engineers will be played on Club ground to-morrow.

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TO-DAY'S TENNIS

# GOOD MATCH TO-DAY

This afternoon's tennis at Hong Kong Cricket Club gives promise of producing a better standard than any yet seen this season.

Principal attraction will be the encounter between H. D. Rumjahn and the Japanese, O. Umetani. At best Umetani should be able to extend Rumjahn but, in view of the latter's fine fighting qualities and great powers of retrieving, he should win. In his few appearances thus far Umetani has revealed great accuracy on the forehand and a more than useful volley, but overhead he is rather weak, which also applies to his service. His backhand, also, is essentially a defensive stroke.

Match between S. A. Rumjahn and J. W. Leonard has been postponed. In a Club championship match, the wily T. C. Monaghan should beat the stylish B. C. Fay, in what promises to be an interesting encounter.

## OPEN SINGLES

- H. D. Rumjahn v. O. Umetani (8).
- T. C. Monaghan v. B. C. Fay (6).
- C. B. Nicholson (-3.0) v. E. R. Childs (-1.6) (1).
- W. M. Barton (-3.0) v. W. Pagh (-30.3) (3).
- A. Lade (-4.0) v. J. R. M. Smith (scratch) (7).
- HANDICAP DOUBLES
- A. C. I. Bowker and A. H. Penn (-1.6) v. G. C. Burnett and W. Stoker (-5.0) (2).
- HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES
- B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley (-15.3) v. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. L. P. Ralph (scratch) (4).

## THE COTTAGE CLUB

The mounted treasure hunt, which was postponed from last Saturday due to inclement weather, will be held from the Club House at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30th.



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Saturday, March 30.

#### SENIORS

8. China "A" v. Eastern A.A.

#### JUNIORS

30th R.A. v. Royal Engineers or South China

All games will be played at Caroline Hill.

Prices of admission: Reserved covered stand, \$1.10; Reserved uncovered stands, 55 cts.

Booking now open at the offices of the Hong Kong Football Association, Bank of Canton Bldg., 4th floor.

## TENNIS

# UMETANI'S EASY WIN OVER J. S. THEOBALD

(By "ADREM")

THERE WAS little of interest in yesterday's tennis at Hong Kong Cricket Club, the two open match resulting in victories for O. Umetani and Leung Ping-chiu, over J. S. Theobald and J. B. Gonsalves, respectively.

Umetani was never seriously extended by Theobald and, in the first set, was inclined to play rather carelessly. In the second set, however, he applied all the pressure he knew and, playing some really brilliant strokes, went out in quick time for the loss of only one game.

During this period he took the forecourt at the slightest opportunity and from the net he scored repeatedly with crisp angle-volleys. Where Umetani impressed most, however, was with his passing shots. Admittedly Theobald was a trifle optimistic in going in to the net on some of his drives but nevertheless, the accuracy of Umetani's passing drive was unailing.

### BAD SERVICE

When serving, the Japanese did not impress and I foresee a good deal of trouble in store for him against H. D. Rumjahn this afternoon if he does not get more pace into it.

Theobald played a carefree tennis which, against a player less experienced than Umetani, might have met with some measure of success. Yesterday it was not nearly good enough! He played some good shots at odd moments but in no department was he reliable enough. His undercut forehand drive was not well placed, usually going straight back at his opponent, and, on the numerous occasions that he tried to volley, he more often than not failed miserably. His service was bad but on occasions he brought off some decisive "kills."

Leung Ping-chiu, playing a much steadier brand of tennis, beat the former Recreio champion, John Gonsalves, in straight sets although he was forced to the vantage game in each. Gonsalves was not at his best and appeared to be feeling the effects of two successive days' hockey.

## GOLF RESULTS

Following are the results of golf matches played at Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's course at Happy Valley: Adamson Cup. (First Round Match Play): S. T. Butlin (bye); G. Willerton (12) received a walkover from V. Ebbage (absent); F. Bumble (12) beat T. J. Price (9) 4 and 3; G. W. Reeve (13) beat A. J. MacFayden (18) at the 19th; Hugh Smith (9) received a walkover from D. Humphreys (7) scratched; G. Davies (10) received a walkover from J. Forbes (9) scratched; D. S. Edward (3) beat E. Tuck (14) 6 and 5; W. W. C. Shewan (7) bye.

### MIXED SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the mixed four-somes at Fanling resulted as follows:—L. A. R. and Mrs. Duncan beat Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Linton 5 and 4. E. J. R. and Mrs. Mitchell beat Major and Mrs. Williams 1 up.

## SOCCER

### RUN ON TICKETS FOR SHIELD FINALS

The sale of tickets for the Soccer Shield finals on Saturday at Caroline Hill has been very good and by yesterday evening all the uncovered stand tickets were sold out together with a large portion of the Covered Stand. It is anticipated that all the tickets will be sold by this afternoon.

As few complimentary tickets are being issued, the public are advised to buy their tickets as soon as possible. Even the Reserve, entitled to the Football Association, have to purchase tickets if they wish to see the matches.

## RESULTS

### Open Singles

- O. Umetani beat J. S. Theobald 6-3, 6-1.
- H. D. Rumjahn beat Marsland Ma 6-1, 6-1.
- Leung Ping-chiu beat J. B. Gonsalves 6-4, 6-4.

### Handicap Singles

- T. C. Monaghan (-4.0) beat J. J. Ferguson (-15.2) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
- R. C. Beavan (-2.0) beat T. J. Gould (-30) 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.
- P. Wynter Blyth (-2.6) received a walkover from D. M. McDougall (-15.2).

## HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, To-day.

The following are the results of games played yesterday:

### MIDLAND

- Birmingham 5 Luton 4
- Northampton 2 Coventry 2
- West Bromwich 5 Leicester 1

### EAST MIDLAND

- Notts F. 4 Sheffield U. 1
- Rotherham 3 Doncaster 3

### NORTH EASTERN

- Bradford C. 3 Newcastle 2
- Darlington 2 Halifax 1

### FRIENDLIES

- Huddersfield 2 Burnley 0
- Barnsley 3 Grimsby 3

—Reuter.

## LINCOLN CALL-OVER

The following is the latest call over for the Lincolnshire:

- Titan 7 to 1 o. 9 to 1 t.
- Quartier Maitre 9 to 1 t and o.
- Womersley 9 to 1.
- Timstep 100 to 9.
- Aldine Ticcagari 100 to 7.
- Golden Sovereign 100 to 6.
- Boomp-a-Daisy 18 to 1 o.
- Grandnational 18 to 1.
- The Professor 9 to 1, 10 o to 1 t.
- Kilstar 100 to 9.
- MacModfat 100 to 8 t and o.
- Inversible 25 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t.
- Underbid 28 to 1.
- Venturesome Knight 28 to 1, 33 to 1 t.

—Reuter.

## A CONSISTENT PUTTING ARC

### By BEST BALL

Letting the right forearm rest lightly on the right thigh gives a definite steadying influence to the putting stroke. Many of the best putters employ this method in their stroke, and it serves a doublefold purpose. For instance in taking the club back, there is always the danger that the right arm, if not anchored in this manner, may allow the left to push the clubhead outside the line to hole. In returning to the ball it would thus be forced to cut slightly across the ball from the outside in, dispatching the ball on a line slightly away from the path intended.

With the right forearm resting on the thigh the hands that kept close to the body and the putter head path is more accurate. Furthermore this contact point acts as a hub or anchorage so that the club, pushed back by the left hand, must revolve in an arc with a definite centre point. It provides an arc which can be repeated consistently with little deviation, all of which adds accuracy to the stroke.

## GRAPHIC GOLF



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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 6th April, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 28th March, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th March, 1940.

**PUBLIC AUCTIONS**

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21ST MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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## BLACK-OUT FINES

A fine of \$100 was imposed on Chan Kam-chuen of No. 1, Cochrane Street by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, this morning, when he was summoned for failing to screen the lights of his premises after the Air Raid Warning signal on March 5.

Inspector Smith said a Chinese Inspector warned defendant when he saw a light shining outside his shop, and defendant turned the light off. Five minutes later, the light was on again.

Lai Sing, of No. 109, Gloucester Road, was fined \$50 for a similar offence.

Defendant screened his lights, but they were still visible outside.

Suen Yuk-hon, of No. 43A, Wyndham Street, was fined \$20 or 14 days' hard labour, for the same offence.

## LAPSE OF TAXI DRIVER

Mrs. Sinton, wife Mr. A. C. Sinton, of Gramplan Road, was the complainant against a taxi driver, Hau Wai, 34, who was charged to-day with stealing \$20 from her handbag.

At noon on March 19, Mrs. Sinton engaged a taxi at a store in Nathan Road and went to Alhambra Theatre to book some seats. She left the bag in the taxi and on returning, found two \$10 notes missing. The money was later recovered from the driver.

Mr. Hin-Shing Lo, for accused, pleaded guilty and urged the Magistrate to take a lenient view.

The driver was placed on a \$50 bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

## BORDER SITUATION

With regard to the recent reports concerning an alleged Japanese landing in Namtau, with the intention of attacking Shumchun, the military authorities state that only small parties of puppet troops and guerillas were concerned.

No serious attack was made or apparently intended, the casualties on either side were negligible, and the fighting was confined to minor skirmishing.

There is no reliable indication that any large scale operations are impending on the Hong Kong frontier, which remains quiet.

## IMPORTED RICE WITHOUT A PERMIT

The Kwong Sun Hong rice shop, Bonham Strand, were fined \$50 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for importing rice without a permit.

The firm were warned when they imported a large quantity of rice last year. On March 2, they imported 500 bags from Bangkok, and a summons was taken out.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over China continues to increase slowly in intensity; pressure is highest in the vicinity of the mouth of the Yangtse. A shallow depression is indicated near Hokkaido.

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communique said there was local activity of our reconnaissance units.—Reuter.

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Budapest, To-day.

A statement declaring that Count Teleki's talks in Rome are merely an exchange of views on the common Italo-Hungarian policy for constructive peace, is published in the "Pester Lloyd," organ of the Hungarian Government.

It says, firstly, Hungary does not belong to the zone of influence of any power. The time has passed when a decision can be taken against Hungary without asking her consent.

Secondly, Hungary does not need to ask support from Italy. The Italo-Hungarian friendship is so close that Italy would not even allow a situation to arise which would cause Hungary to come to Rome as a suppliant. Italy never intended to influence Hungary to renounce her known revisionist claims.

Thirdly, it is known in Rome that Hungarian policy is a European policy in the true sense of the word, and this policy is directed in conformity with the interests of Europe as a whole. Rome understands and entirely supports this policy.

Fourthly, the whole Italo-Hungarian meeting has the sole aim of studying world events from the viewpoint of their common interests in conformity with the common policy for constructive peace of the two countries.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Reports from Canton state that Chinese guerilla forces are massing in different areas near Fatsan, Kongmoon, Sunkai and Sunwui, and are planning to attack the "puppet" garrisons in those cities.

Japanese regulars are being drafted from Canton and Shek-ki.—Our Own Correspondent.

Bahia, To-day.

The Cunard liner *Mauretania* has arrived here. She docked at midnight after an uneventful passage through the Panama Canal. The ship is now taking in oil. The authorities are taking very strict precautions and only the necessary workers are allowed on the pier. There was a slight delay at Cristobal by the sudden death of the *Mauretania's* 68-year-old carpenter.—Reuter.

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Shanghai, To-day.

Negotiations for joint exploitation of the mineral resources of Yunnan province are reported to have been conducted by General Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, with the British and French Governments, says the "Central China Daily News."

In connexion with the financing of construction of the Yunnan-Burma railway, the report states, General Lung offered mineral products as securities.

General Lung, it is learned, has accepted an invitation by the Governor of Burma to visit Rangoon in April.—Reuter.

Ottawa, To-day.

The Canadian Press has conceded the success of the Liberal Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, and the return of the Liberal Government.—Reuter.

The only business on the agenda for to-morrow's meeting of Legislative Council is the moving of the first reading of the new Telephone Company Ordinance.

Paris, To-day.

According to the Soviet Tass news agency, the Soviet Ambassador in Paris, M. Surtiz, has been relieved of his post because he is no longer considered persona grata by the French Government.—Reuter.

Ottawa, To-day.

Dr. Manion, leader of the Conservative party, was defeated in the General Election by the Liberal candidate, the Rev. Dan McIvor, at Fort William, Ontario. The re-election of Mr. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries, is indicated in New Brunswick.

The Defence Minister, Mr. N. M. Rogers, had an easy victory over the Conservative candidate. This result is regarded as significant since the Conservatives campaigned against Mr. Rogers's conduct of the war all over the Dominion. The re-election of Mr. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in Waterloo, North Ontario, is indicated by the votes hitherto counted.

Mr. McLarty, Minister of Labour, was re-elected for Essex, East Ontario, and Mr. G. D. Howe, Minister for Transport, for Port Arthur, Ontario, while Mr. P. J. Cardin, Minister for Public Works, was re-elected in Quebec.—Reuter.



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